

City moves forward in effort to address stormwater

BY BOB DEMAREE

The city of Madison took another step toward addressing its stormwater problems with the anticipated adaption of a Stormwater Technical Standards Manual that was presented to the Board of Public Works and Safety at its meeting Monday.

City officials have been committed to addressing Madison’s stormwater problems — heightened by flash flooding on North Walnut Street and other neighborhoods along Crooked Creek on June 18, 2021 — to resolve vulnerabilities than

have existed for years and never effectively resolved.

“Stormwater is one of those very elusive things to try to control and manage, and all the water coming downtown toward the Ohio River in one way or another, whether it be man-made or tributaries, creates a lot of issues for us,” said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney. “It’s one of the bigger issues we face across the community and we’ve not invested properly in it over the course of the last couple of decades, and we’ve been reversing that with better policy, better technical standards, certainly knowing and working with

development, and what that can mean to stormwater if it’s unregulated, so I’m happy with all the progress we’re making.”

The Stormwater Technical Standards Manual was presented at Monday’s meeting with adoption anticipated at the Monday, Oct. 6, meeting, giving BPWS board members David Carlow and Karl Eaglin time to review the guidelines prior to passage. Courtney, who also serves on BPWS, said he has already reviewed the document with city staff but he wants to provide Carlow and

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Tourism data says music fest drew 16K

BY BOB DEMAREE

Data collected during the Unbroken Circle Music Festival, held at Madison’s Bicentennial Park earlier this month, shows that the three-day event brought monumental numbers of visitors to Madison.

Members of the Jefferson County Board of Tourism, which contributed \$30,000 toward staging the event, discussed the festival at its meeting on Monday.

“Everyone that I have spoken to, during it, not before, but during and after, just raved how many people were there,” said Trevor Crafton, JCBT president.

“We’ve probably seen more business from that event than any event in Madison this year,” said Renie Stephens, general manager of the Clifty Inn, who is also a JCBT board member.

The inaugural Unbroken Circle Music Festival, organized by Drew Eades and Brent Turner, was held Sept. 4-6 featuring 20 bands.

Visit Madison Inc. Executive Director Andrew Forrester said Placer.ai data showed Unbroken Circle brought 10,600 unique visitors to Bicentennial Park over the course of the three-day event for 16,000 total visits. The data also indicated that approximately 65% of the attendees were out-of-town visitors, and not local.

Of the unique visitors, Forrester said 7,000 came from more than 35 miles from Madison, and 45% came from more than 50 miles away. “That’s huge. We had people from Iowa, New York state, Virginia, North Carolina — people were coming from all over for the event.”

“The commentary I heard down at the festival was that, ‘We’ve been all over the country, we’ve never heard of Madison before, and we’re coming back,’” sis JCBT board member Jim Bartlett.

“That’s what I love about people who come to an event as a first-time thing. We know they will come back,” said Forrester. “We’ve seen in the data that they will come back. So, that’s exciting data with the Unbroken Circle.”

Bartlett said Eades and Turner are already planning next year’s program for what will be the second annual Unbroken Circle Music Festival.

In other discussions, Forrester reported that he was asked by the Indiana Parks Alliance to speak to the Indiana General Assembly’s Interim

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Oak Hill fire



Bob Demaree

A Monday afternoon fire heavily damaged a hilltop home in the 2800 block of Basswood Drive in the Oak Hill subdivision. City of Madison firefighters were dispatched to battle the blaze, which was hot enough to melt siding on a neighbor’s home, but prevented its spread to other structures in the subdivision.

CHARLIE’S BEAT

Zehren shows music can be best therapy

Lindsay Zehren is a 2004 graduate of Madison Consolidated High School, and people may also know her last name from her parents Pam and John, who were longtime teachers at our schools. Lindsay went off to college, received training in music therapy, and eventually found her way to southern California where she became a key figure in one of the most remarkable stories I’ve ever covered in these columns.

Some 11 years ago Lindsay began working with Alex Yiu, then just 9 years old, and suffering from an undiagnosed condition that was robbing him of his dexterity, mobility and ability to speak. Lindsay was using music as a way to help Alex cope, and as a way for him to express himself as his disease slowly eroded his other means

of communication.

Eventually he was diagnosed with an ultra rare genetic disorder that only affects about 200 people worldwide. Now 20 years old, he no longer has the ability to move, speak or even swallow, and he communicates solely with eye movements and blinking.

“It’s quite amazing what Alex can accomplish with the software and tools we have available,” explains Lindsay. “The computer can track his eye movements to various selections or choices, and then his blinks can confirm what he wants. It’s time consuming, of course, but he can work out sentences, and we’ve even been able to build a system where he can write songs and create music.”

Which brings us to the real motivator behind the story this week. Alex, with the

help of Lindsay and his mom, Caroline, has been able to write a powerful new song called “Tennessee” and it’s been entered in a special competition for artists with rare diseases. The contest is an annual event put on by the EveryLife Foundation, and it recognizes painters, poets and songwriters with rare conditions.

“There were over 100 songs entered in the contest,” says Lindsay, “and Alex’s song is now among the 20 finalists. If you go to RareArtist.org you can see and hear all the entries, and starting on September 22nd, you can vote for Alex’s song! The theme of the song is Alex’s desire to someday visit Nashville, the epicenter of country music in America.

“It’s absolutely amazing what he’s been able to do with his music, and this song in

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Madison woman gets 10 years for neglect of young dependent

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

A Madison woman has pleaded guilty to Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury and been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Kerrie Lynn Hoyt, 32, of Skyline Drive, Madison, was sentenced by Circuit Court Judge DJ Mote on Monday, Sept. 15, after accepting a plea agreement that dismissed felony domestic battery, criminal confinement and firearms charges involving victims less than age 14.

Hoyt was convicted of the lead charge, Neglect of a Dependent Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury,

a Level 3 Felony, and will serve 10 years at Indiana Department of Correction with none suspended. “This case demonstrated an impressive collaboration across multiple disciplines who responded with immediate urgency to ensure the safety of all children involved” said Prosecutor David Sutter.

In September 2024, an 11-year-old child was brought to the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and observed to have extensive bruising, as well as signs of malnourishment. Law enforcement immediately contacted the local Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC), due to suspected child abuse, and an emergency forensic interview

was conducted. The child victim was also transported by law enforcement to the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis and received treatment for injuries and malnourishment.

In addition to the primary victim, investigators and the Department of Child Services identified three other children that were living in the household. The children were located by law enforcement, transported to the Children’s Advocacy Center and forensically interviewed.

“It is always our goal to not only ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in our community, but to ensure their voices are heard. The Children’s Advocacy Center offers that safe space that is so vital to our community” said Sutter.

During the investigation, which was led by the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, a search was conducted of the child’s residence. Law enforcement corroborated the child’s statements and conducted interviews with Hoyt and other witnesses which provided the evidence necessary to obtain the conviction.

“We seek to hold individuals, such as Hoyt responsible for their reprehensible actions, and in doing so also considering the magnitude testifying at trial can have on a child,” Sutter said.

The victim’s family voiced feelings of gratitude in discussions concerning Hoyt’s sentence, as it ensures that the child victim, now physically healed, will not have to reopen the healing emotional wounds, by reliving

the events in a trial. A family member shared at sentencing, that Hoyt did not break the child’s spirit and that they can now ease the child’s concerns of returning to Hoyt’s care, as Hoyt will be incarcerated during the remainder of the victim’s childhood.

The Jefferson County Prosecutor’s Office extends its appreciation to the many agencies and individuals who dedicated their time and resources to protecting these children and pursuing justice in this case: the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, The Children’s Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana, the Kentucky State Police, Jefferson County Central Dispatch, the City Madison Police Department, the Indiana Department of Child Services, Centerstone and the Riley Hospital for Children.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings Sept. 15, 2025

Kerrie Lynn Hoyt, 32, Madison, Neglect of a Dependent/Child, a Level 3 felony. No bond.

Joe K. Lutes, 62, Madison, Operating a Vehicle with a BAC of .15, a Level 6 felony; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond \$1,500 cash.

Sabrina Christine Sullivan, 60, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

Sept. 16, 2025
Jerry Bushong, 61, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Bond \$1,000 cash.

Sean Michael Conway, 45, Madison, for Criminal Confinement, a Level 5 felony; Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony; Communication-Intimidation and Communication-Interfere in the Reporting of a Crime, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.

Sept. 17, 2025
Justin Christopher Jones, 37, for Madison, Possession of Methamphetamine, Neglect of a Dependent, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, all Level 6 felonies; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.
Savannah L. Mikesell, 35, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, Neglect of a Dependent and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, all Level 6 felonies; Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, a Class A misdemeanor; Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and on unspecified Jefferson County warrants for probation violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Thomas Ray Sedam Jr., 56, Lexington, Indiana, on a court-ordered sentencing for probation violation. No bond.

Derek Alen Wood, 34, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Bond \$1,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings Sept. 16, 2025

Trey W. Wingham, 31, Madison, revocation of 2 years probation on previously suspended sentence for Maintaining a Common Nuisance and Possession of Methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies, consecutive, for a total of 4 years executed at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 175 days served. In addition, revocation of 365 days parole on previously suspended sentence for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony.
Jackson Reece Kruer, 23,

Clarksville, Indiana, to amended charges of Criminal Confinement with Moderate Bodily Injury, a Level 4 felony; and Sexual Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 9 years at Indiana Department of Correction on the confinement charge, concurrent to 1 year, 180 days on the sexual battery charge, with credit for 11 days jail served, 8 years prison suspended to 2 years of home detention and 6 years of supervised probation.

Michael Vernon Ray Steward, 20, Madison, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 540 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 14 days jail served and 526 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs. Upon successful completion of probation, defendant may petition court to reduce felony to a misdemeanor. No Contact Order to continue as term of probation.

Anita Kay Smith, 47, Hanover, to an amended charge of Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 138 days jail served plus \$339 in fees and court costs with No Contact Order to continue as a term of probation.

Loren P. Day, 48, Hanover, to amended charges of Domestic Battery and Possession of Methamphetamine, both Level 6 felonies. Sentenced to 910 days at Indiana Department of Correction on the battery charge with credit for 82 days jail served consecutive to 365 days on the drug charge, suspended to supervised probation, plus \$1,039 in fees and court costs.

Sept. 17, 2025
Bradley Aaron Potter, 36, Madison, to an amended charge of Arson Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 3 felony. Sentenced to 9 years at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for 149 days jail serve and 8 years, 216 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Thomas R. Sedam Jr., 56, Lexington, Indiana, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for 4 days jail served, 18 actual days jail to be executed and 345 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 180-day loss of driver’s license consecutive to 2 year license suspension for refusal to submit to sobriety test.

Bethany A. Beamon, 37, Cincinnati, to an amended charge of Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 2 days jail, served, plus \$489 in fees and court costs.

Jennifer Nicole Wells, 41, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle Without Ever Receiving a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to 365 days supervised probation plus \$289.50 in fees and court costs. If defendant obtains a valid driver’s

license during probation period, probation may terminate upon the 6-month mark.

Jose A. Trinidad Cruz, 23, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle without Ever Receiving a License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 court costs.

Jerald Maurice Cox, 48, Madison, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 58 days jail, served, plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs and 90-day suspension of driver’s license.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS Jefferson County Sept. 15, 2025

Madison Consolidated Schools to Madison Consolidated School Building Corporation, three parcels totaling 10.36 acres (E.O. Muncie property for a new Madison Preschool).

Aaron M. Ayler and Emily L. Ayler to Emerson Batres Garcia, 2517 Cedarwood Drive, Madison.

Freedom Mortgage Corporation and Xome Holdings LLC to Prickett Properties Inc., four parcels totaling approximately 1.9 acres at 4926 and 5100+ East Wolf Run Road, Madison.

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Agina Lorine Hance and Ralph Hance to Becky Desonia and Bill Desonia, 110 Parkview Drive, Madison.

Phillips Development Inc. to Jeffrey M. Pollitt, 153 Dunn Avenue, Hanover.

Michael Ellis & M&M Investment Group LLC to Timothy A. Copeland and Jessica A. Copeland, 5 acres at 7319 West Warman Road, Hanover.

Gary L. Wilson to Gary L. Wilson and Debbra J. Wilson, 15371 West 175 North, Deputy.

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Donald Bright and Anna Hereford to Angela S. Kelley, approximately 88 acres at 3191 and 3190+ East Greenbriar Road, Madison.

Sharon K. Pflaumer to Dianna Lynn Domek, Sherry Sue Stewart and Jodi Lea Pflaumer, 2127 Flint Road, Madison.

Jeremy McCloskey and Terri McCloskey to William Alexander and Paula Alexander, 815 East First Street, Madison.

Steven A. Ellis to James A. Earl, 5 acres at 5355+West Ten Cent Road, Hanover.

Alexander J. Ball and Elizabeth Ball to Kelly A. Parker and Aaron Wells, 1518 Oak Hill Drive, Madison.

Steven A. Ellis to James A. Earl, approximately 33.7 acres at 4527+ East State Road 56, Madison.

David Wayne Anderson, Amy Elizabeth Anderson and Joint Revocable Trust Agreement of David Wayne Anderson and Amy Elizabeth Anderson to Katherine Louis and Jon Louis, 2244 Bedford Falls, Madison.

Susan Burdzilaskas and Wesley Burdzilaskas to Thomas Dewayne Perkins and Katie Perkins, 7 parcels at 1106 Green Road, Madison.

Clark man sentenced in 2023 sexual assault at Hanover College

BY COURIER STAFF REPORT

A Clark County man who originally faced three felony charges in connection with the alleged sexual assault of an adult female student at Hanover College, has pleaded guilty to amended charges of Criminal Confinement with Moderate Bodily Injury and Sexual Battery and sentenced to 9 years prison.

Jackson Reece Kruer, 23, of Clarksville, Indiana, was originally arrested in July of 2024 in connection with a complaint that he had sexually assaulted an adult female student in her campus dorm room after a on-campus party on Sept. 17, 2023. The female victim immediately reported the assault to campus security, which contacted Indiana State Police to investigate the incident.

Kruer, who had enrolled at Hanover and planned to play baseball, was charged with Rape when victim has verbally or otherwise refused, a Level 3 felony; Criminal Confinement with

Moderate Bodily Injury, a Level 4 felony; and Sexual Battery, a Level 6 felony.

Under terms of the plea agreement, Kruer pleaded guilty in August to the two lesser charges and was sentenced on Sept. 16 by Circuit Court Judge DJ Mote to 9 years at Indiana Department of Correction on the confinement charge, concurrent to 1 year, 180 days on the sexual battery charge, with credit for 11 days jail served, and 8 years prison suspended to 2 years of home detention and 6 years of supervised probation.

SCHENCK SENTENCED IN FATAL DEPUTY PIKE CRASH

A 58-year-old Madison man who was charged with being under the influence of drugs when he lost control of his vehicle on West Deputy Pike and struck a utility pole causing the death of a North Vernon woman on June 30, 2024, has entered into a plea agreement and been sentenced to 3 years prison.

Wade Dean Schenck, 58, had been charged with Causing Death When Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance, a Level 4 felony; and Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony.

Schenck was driving a 2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser that collided with a utility pole on Deputy Pike between North County Road 300 West and North Borcharding Road. His passenger, Tiffany Wilcox, 27, North Vernon, was pronounced dead at the scene.

On Aug. 25, Schenck pleaded guilty to an amended charge of Causing Death When Operating a Vehicle with a Schedule I or II Controlled Substance in the Blood, a Level 4 felony. Special Judge Richard G. Striegel sentenced Schenck to 3 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 3 days jail served and 1,092 days suspended to supervised probation.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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Sunrise: 7:25 a.m. Sunset: 7:44 p.m. Temperature: High 90, Low 58, Mean 74.0, Deficit 0.4 Precipitation since last published: 0	Precipitation, September 2025: 2.15 Precipitation, 2025: 43.52 Barometer 29.92, Rising River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.52 feet, Steady	Forecast: Saturday: Mostly sunny High 90/Low 64; Sunday: Mostly cloudy High 84/Low 66; Monday: Showers High 76/Low 64; Tuesday: Mostly cloudy High 81/Low 65.
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OBITUARIES

Ella Jean McClanahan Gammons

Ella Jean McClanahan Gammons, age 82, of Deputy, IN, entered this life on Oct. 8, 1942, in Deputy, IN, on the McClanahan farm. She resided all of her life in Deputy, and attended Deputy High School. She was united in marriage to Carl Richard "Rich" Gammons, Sr. on June 3, 1960, in New Albany, IN. This happy union of 55 years was blessed with a son, Rick and two daughters, Joanie and Ruthie. She attended the House of James Beauty College and practiced as a beautician in downtown Madison, for several years. She later worked at the Charlestown Ammunition Plant as a foreman in the bag plant. She began a career with Cummins Engine Company in 1972, working as a machine operator until 1990. Ella Jean worked for many years as a dedicated care-giver to the elderly. She was a member of the Lick Branch Baptist Church for many years and



currently was a member of the Solid Rock Community Church. She enjoyed the bowling league and held membership in the Madison VFW Post 1969 Auxiliary. She loved painting, genealogy, primitive antiques, glassware, raising chickens, and collecting roosters. Ella Jean died on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at 10:50 p.m., at her home in Deputy, IN. Ella Jean will be missed by her loving daughters, Joan Arrowood Spellman and her husband Lee of Deputy, IN, Ruth June "Ruthie" Gammons of

Deputy, IN; her loving son, Carl Richard "Rick" Gammons, Jr. of Deputy, IN; her loving grandchildren, Amanda Lichlyter (Kevin), Kari Arrowood Wakelam (John), Jeffrey Arrowood (Cortney), Charles Ross Martin, Ella Jean Martin, Della Louise Martin, William Gammons; her great adoring grandchildren, Gabriel, Karly, Raylan, Kenton, Jackson, Addy, Charlie Rose, Wyatt and Benjamin; her brother, Charles McClanahan of Paris Crossing, IN; her sister, Mary Evelyn Fredenburgh of Maineville, OH; her special cousin, Sara J. Meier Minor of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, George Robert McClanahan, her mother, Margaret Elizabeth Taulman McClanahan, her husband of 55 years, Carl Richard "Rich" Gammons, Sr., died Oct. 19, 2015, her stepdaughter, Lisa Mol-

hook, her stepson, Douglas Gammons, her brothers, Ellison Hill "Mac" McClanahan, and John Jacob McClanahan, and her sister, Eleanor McClanahan Ray. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, at 11 a.m., by Pastor Mike Shuler at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Lick Branch Cemetery in deputy. Friends may visit Thursday, from 4 - 7 p.m., and Friday, from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lick Branch Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Melissa 'Missy' Rae Davis Henry

Melissa "Missy" Rae Davis Henry, age 53, of Columbus, IN, formerly of Madison, entered this life on Nov. 28, 1971, in Madison, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Nancy Ellen Kloepper Davis. Melissa died on Monday, Sept. 15, 2025, at 8:02 p.m., at the Columbus Regional Hospital in Columbus. Melissa will be missed by her loving sons, Seth Turner (Nicole Clark) of Columbus, IN, Trenton of Columbus, IN, Trey Henry (Cadence Pitcher) of Columbus, IN; her grandchildren, Anakin Turner, Ezra Turner, and Roman Henry; her uncle, Jake Kloepper and his wife, Shirley of Madison, IN; her aunt, Rosemary Bennett and her husband, Dan of Louisville, KY; several cousins, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her mother, Nancy Ellen Kloepper

Davis; her first husband, David Turner, died Aug. 17, 1999; her grandparents, Lawrence Kloepper, and Dorothy Kloepper. Memorial services will be conducted Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, at 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Kent Cemetery near Kent, IN. Friends may visit Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Memorial contributions may be made to the Melissa Henry Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Louis Julian Wingham

Louis Julian Wingham, age 93, of Madison, IN, entered this life on July 16, 1932, on New Hope Ridge, KY. He was the loving son of the late Everett James and Margaret Cassell Jackson Wingham. He was raised and schooled in Jefferson County, IN, in 1953. He entered the U.S. Army in 1951, serving during the Korean War until being honorably discharged as Sergeant in 1953. He first married Beverly Jean Wheeler in 1951, and was blessed with three daughters, Sharrona, Joy, and Tina, and a son, Trent Lane. He was united in marriage to Florence Anderson Pennington in 1971, and gained a stepdaughter and three stepsons. He worked at Williamson Heater in Madison, IN, for 47 years, retiring in 1997. He had attended Calvary Wesleyan Church and Lancaster Baptist Church



through the years. He enjoyed mowing his lawn, gardening, and visiting with friends, and family. Louis died on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at 4:12 p.m., at his home near Madison, IN. Louis will be missed by his loving daughters, Sharrona Dimmett and her husband Randy of Madison, IN, Joy Hamilton and her husband Forest of Milton, KY, Tina Wingham of Madison, IN; his stepdaughter, Kim Ford and her husband Jeff of Madison, IN; his nine grandchildren; his 16 great-grandchildren; his four

great-great-grandchildren; his brothers, Keith Wingham and his wife Ruth Lee of Austin, IN, Fred Wingham and his wife Barbara of Hobe Sound, FL; his sisters, Phyllis Royalty of Madison, IN, Elaine Maddox and her husband J.W. of Milton, KY; his sister-in-law, Evelyn Wingham of Madison, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Everett James Wingham, his mother, Margaret Cassell Jackson Wingham, his wife, Florence Anderson Pennington Wingham who died on Aug. 11, 1992, his son, Trent Lane Wingham, his stepsons, Kraig Miles Pennington, and Kevin Pennington; his grandson, Brandon; his brothers, Franklin Thompson "Tommy" Wingham, and Glenford Dean Wingham, and his companion, Emma Jo Mack. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, Sept.

23, 2025, at 11 a.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Bedford Cemetery in Bedford, KY. Military honors will be conducted by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Friends may visit Monday from 4 - 7 p.m., and Tuesday from 10 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to the Calvary Wesleyan Church or Southern Care Hospice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Mark Allan Kent

Mark Allan Kent, age 59, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Dec. 21, 1965, in Jefferson County, IN. He was the loving son of the late Delmer B.. Kent and Anitra L. Hock Kent Chatham. Mark died on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, at 12:30 a.m., at Conservation Lake near Deputy, IN. Mark will be missed by his loving wife, Toni Higdon Kent of Madison, IN; his loving mother, Anitra

L. Hock Kent Chatham of Madison; his loving son, Christopher Kent of Madison; his adoring grandchildren, Nevaeh, Kayla, Kenzie, and Sydney; his great grandson, Izaac; his brother, Michael Kent of Madison; his sister, Veronica McKim and her husband, Michael of Corydon, IN; his step-sisters, Dorothy Hoopengartner of Brownstown, IN, Susan Hoevener of Brownstown, IN; several nieces,

nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Delmer B. Kent, his stepfather, John T. Chatham, his step brother, John Wayne Chatham, his maternal grandparents, Joseph and Louise Hock, his paternal grandparents, Bob and Annabelle Drake. Graveside services will be conducted Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Bro. Jimmy Butters at

the Lick Branch Cemetery near Deputy, IN. Interment will follow in the Lick Branch Cemetery near Deputy. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jefferson County Goodwill Conservation Club. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Charles "Charlie" "Bill" William Dixon Sr., 86, of Bloomington, IN, and formerly of Madison, IN, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at Majestic Care of Bloomington. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison with interment to follow at Springdale Cemetery in downtown Madison with military honors by the Major Samuel Woodfill Madison Post No. 9 of the American Legion, www.morgan-nay.com. **Debra Sue "Debbie" Hinton Hodge, 64, of Versailles, IN**, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Edgewood, KY. Funeral mass was Thursday, Sept. 18, at St. Patrick Catholic Chapel in Madison, IN. Interment will be at a later date in the St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Madison. Arrangements by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, www.morgan-nay.com. **Kenneth Evan "Kenny" Lawton, 90, of Vevay, IN**, died Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025, at Swiss Villa

Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay with interment to follow in the Slawson Cemetery at Bennington, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com. **Willie Thomas Perkins, 68, of Worthville, KY**, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2025, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, KY. Funeral service was Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, with interment in Bedford Cemetery there, www.ransdellfuneral.com. **Jerry Wayne "Bomber" "Bones" Wengert, 65, of Cincinnati, OH**, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2025. A celebration of life will be held at noon on Sunday, Sept. 21, at Jim & Jack's on the River in Cincinnati. Arrangements by Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Mary Kay McCubbin honored for establishing sports courts

BY BOB DEMAREE

The legacy of Mary Kay McCubbin was celebrated Wednesday with the unveiling of a memorial stone at the sports courts that last year were named in her honor. McCubbin's leadership spearheaded the fundraising drive that led to the creation of the multi-sports center completed in 2020 by refurbishing tennis courts that were formerly part of the Madison Country Club for tennis, pickle ball and bocce ball and donated to the Madison Parks and Recreation Department. The memorial stone includes a photo of McCubbin with the engraving: "An inspiration to all." Mayor Bob Courtney said that McCubbin, who died Feb. 1, was "an inspiration to all, something for every one of us to live up to. It's what she has left behind for us to inherit." Courtney went on to note, "The McCubbin family has been so generous to our community for decades. It's not surprising that the entire family, and especially Mary Kay, wants to leave Madison better than the way they found it. I think that's a tribute to the legacy she's leaving here,

and how better to do that than in sports and recreation, not only her generation but next generation after that is going to be enjoying. This is just a great tribute to her friends and family. It's expanding the entire sport (of pickle ball) for everybody in Madison." The fundraising committee for the sports court also included Susan Ohlendorf, Laurie Dorsey and Kathy Crafton. "Mary Kay was the leader, and we joined in with her," said Ohlendorf. McCubbin's husband, Kevin, expressed his appreciation for the honor. "On behalf of Mary Kay and myself, thank you for this wonderful honor. Thank you for the wonderful friends and family we have that went together to put together this project to honor her. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you very much for that." Charlie Ferguson, one of the leaders of pickle ball in Madison, credited the sports courts for the growth of pickle ball in Madison. "Because of Mary Kay, it's amazing of how pickle ball has taken off in this town." He said there are many people who play pickle ball at the Brown Gym but "without these courts, we wouldn't have introduced pickle ball to a whole lot of



The McCubbin family attended the unveiling of the memorial stone Wednesday at the Mary Kay McCubbin Sport Court. Pictured (from left) are Brittany Cox, David Lush, Lori Lush, Kevin McCubbin (partially hidden), Chris Bush, Diana Lush, Michael Lush, Joy Lush, Kevin Lush, Linda Lush, Connie Goodman, Bill McCubbin and Dick Goodman. The stone, pictured in front, has an inscription that states, "An Inspiration to All."

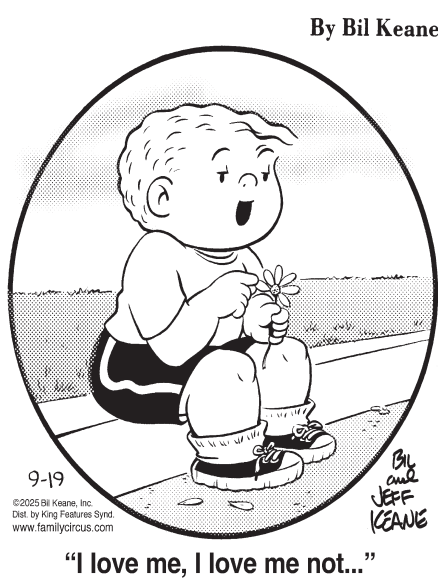
people ... Because of her and the group, it has just exploded" in terms of interest in Madison. "It would not be where it is today without her, and without

them. We would just like to say thanks to them." Orlendorf credited Tom Davee for introducing pickle ball in Madison by establishing

a men's group in 2018, and then Mary McCuskey started a women's group shortly after that. Madison City Council

passed a resolution at it's Oct. 8, 2024, meeting that officially named the city's multi-use sport courts as the Mary Kay McCubbin Sport Court.

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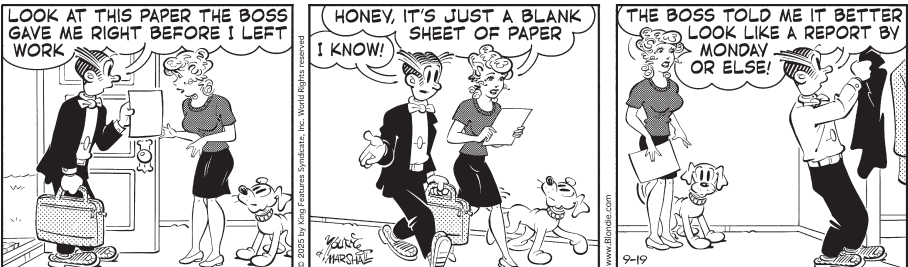
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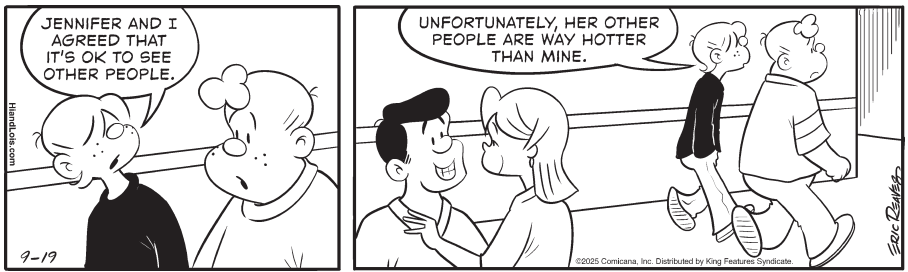
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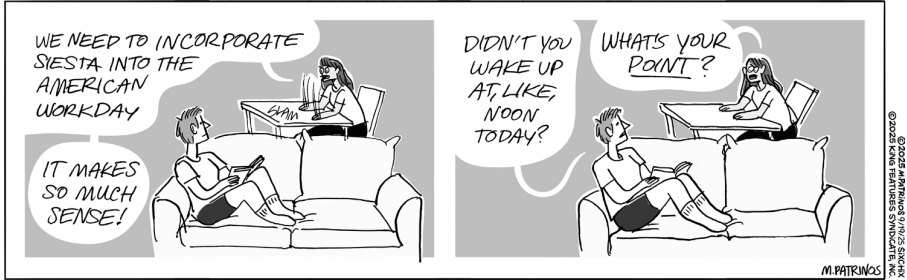
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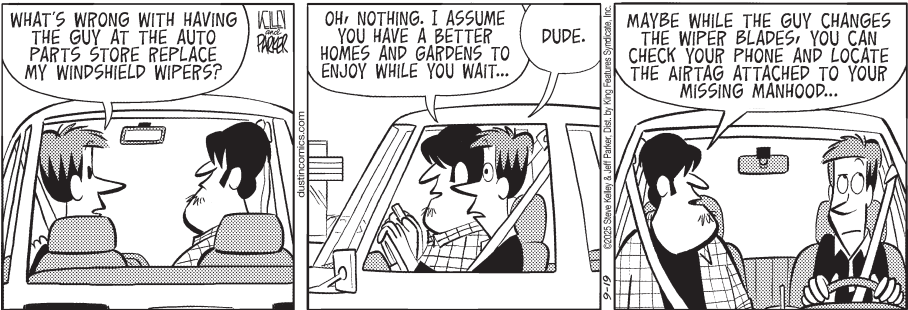
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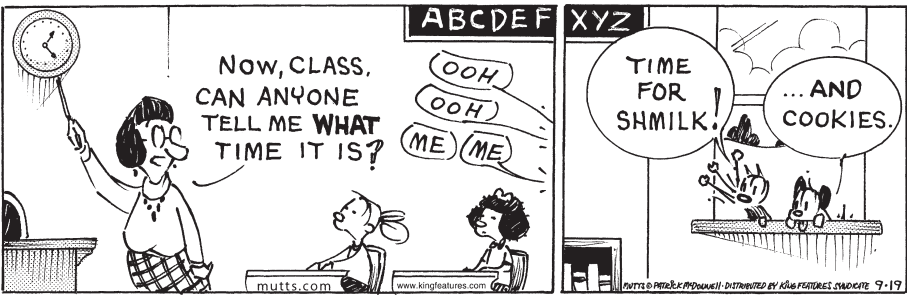
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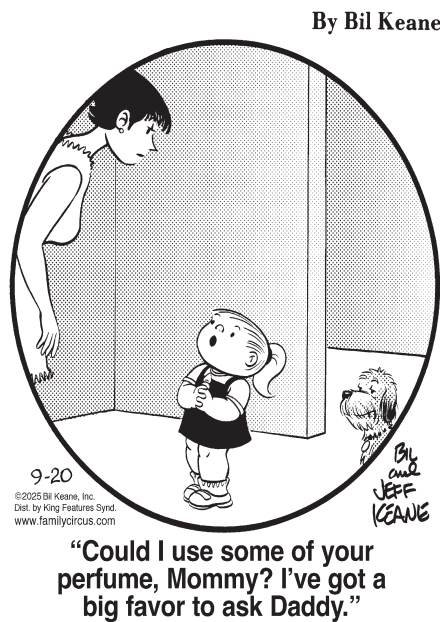
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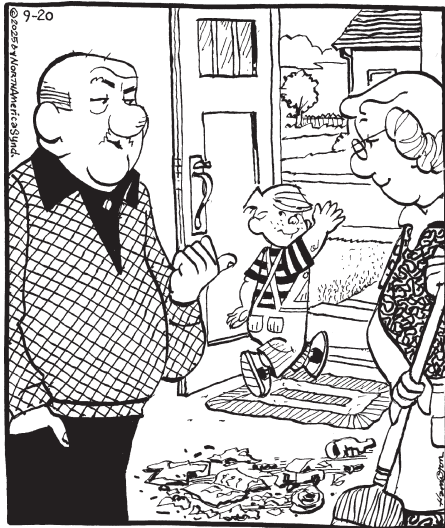
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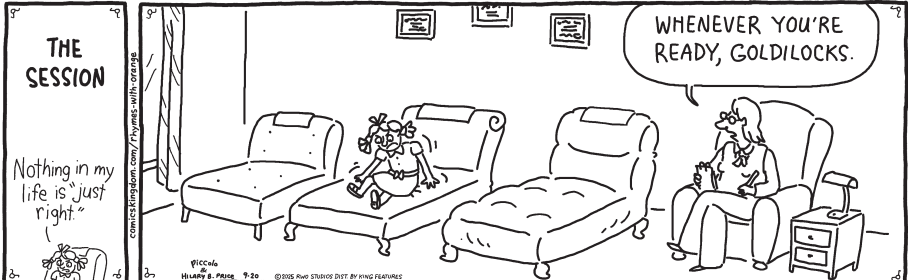
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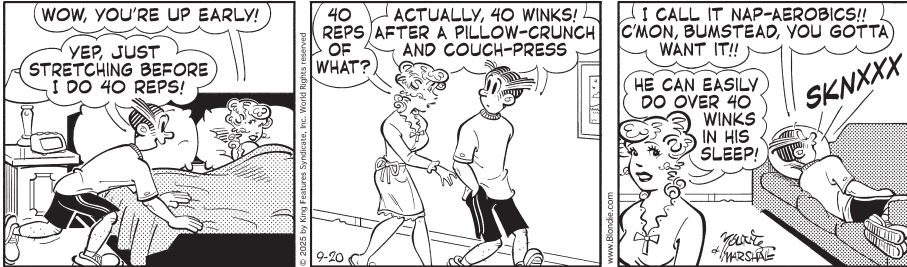
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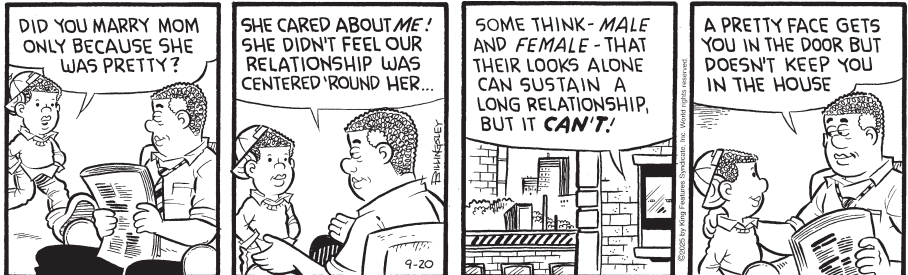
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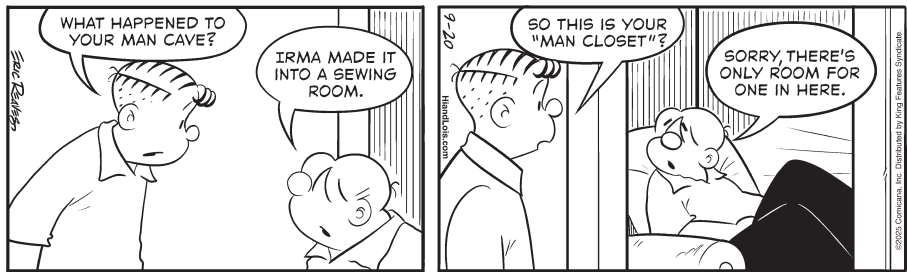
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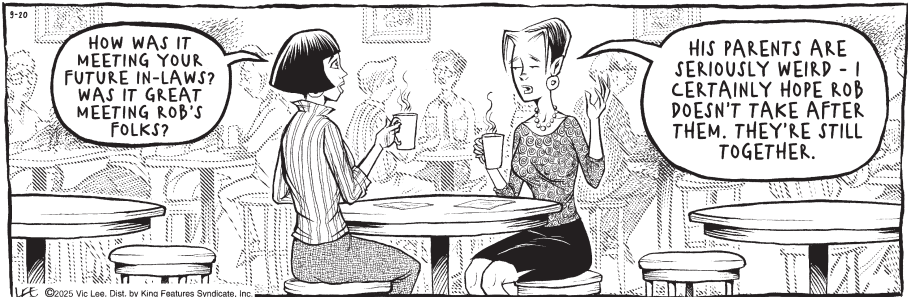
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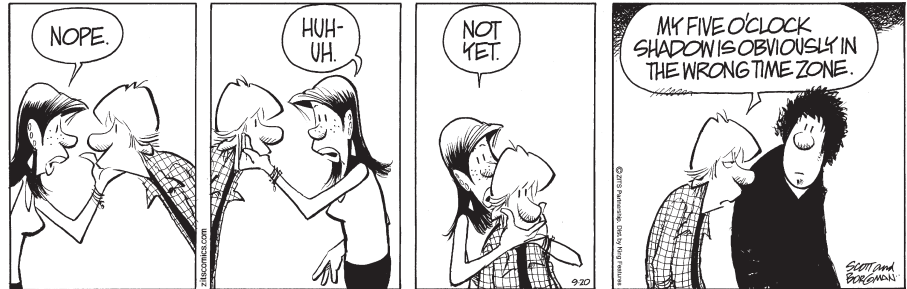
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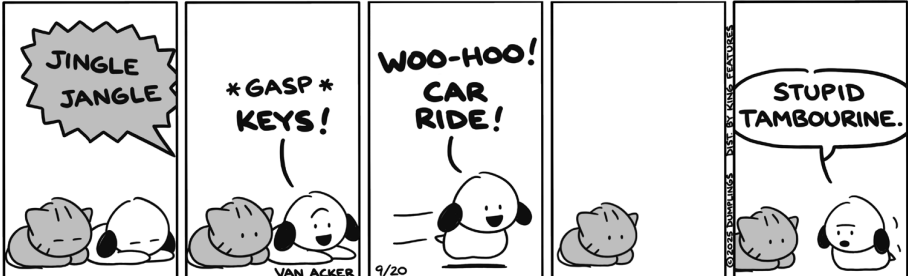
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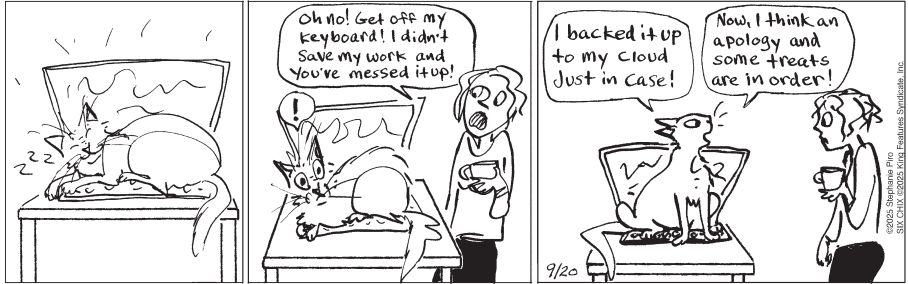
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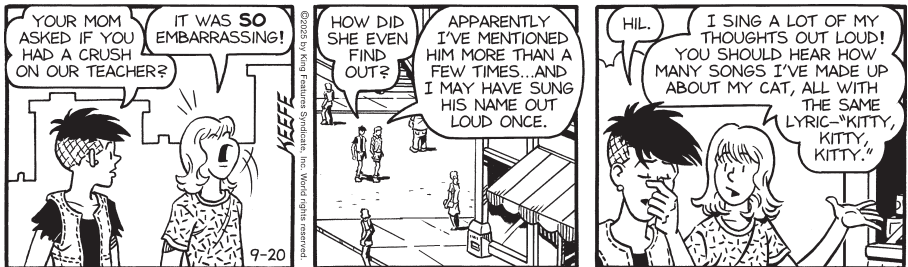
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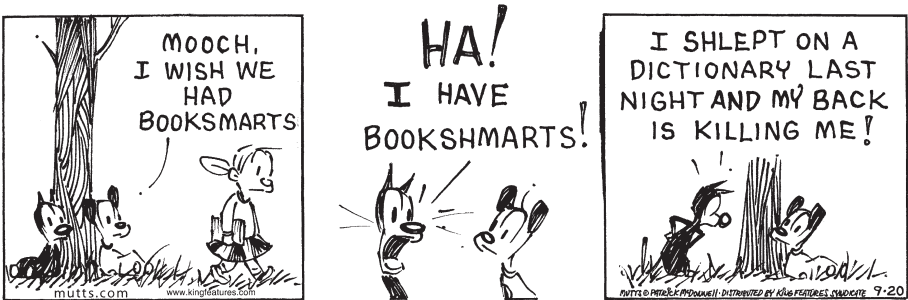
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Public input to be sought on Hanover sidewalks, streetscapes

BY BOB DEMAREE

Potential plans for sidewalks and streetscapes for the town of Hanover are being developed to allow residents a chance to review and provide feedback in October.

“We want input from the public,” said Council Vice President Treva Shelton.

Luckett & Farley architectural firm, hired as the project engineer, will present designs that it is creating for sidewalks and streetscapes work that will be done in two phases.

Phase one involves installation of a traffic light at the intersection of State Road 56 and Kuntz Road, along with sidewalks in that area. Phase two focuses on sidewalks

in downtown Hanover at Madison Avenue and Main Street.

Town Council President Debbie Kroger said there will be meetings with representatives of Hanover College and Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation, and with Hanover business leaders in addition to a public meeting where Luckett & Farley will present designs of potential work to be considered.

The funding for the sidewalks and streetscape improvements is coming from \$4 million the town of Hanover was allocated as part of the \$30 million College and Community Collaboration (CCC) Grant awarded by Lilly Endowment Inc. to Hanover College.

Wanda Schnebelt expressed

concerns at Tuesday’s meeting about flooding in front of her house on Madison Avenue. “The main issue at our house is the curb was taken out” when the street was repaved. “Now the water comes down the sidewalk and into our yard.”

Kroger said with the work coming up on sidewalks, it will be important to make sure Luckett & Farley is aware of the flooding problems in front of the Schnebelt home. “If we could take some pictures then we can show the team we’re working with that this is a problem so they can address that,” she said.

Linda Tackett, who lives on October Street, and Schnebelt both complained of properties in their neighborhoods that are considered

nuisances due to clutter.

Kroger said there are nuisance problems “all over town, it really is ... I get your frustration. I’m frustrated,” but there are limitations and challenges in getting properties cleaned up. “We are really trying. We do have the attorney looking at some different ordinances to see if we can strengthen our ordinances” to better address those nuisance problems.

In other action, the council:

- Announced plans to again seek bids for crack filling, striping and seal coating on Main Street, Madison Avenue, Main Cross Street, Thornton Road and East Kuntz Road. The town was awarded a \$178,110 Community Crossings Matching

Grant (CCMG). With the town’s 25% match at \$59,370, that makes the total amount available for the work \$237,480. However, the only bid received previously was nearly \$200,000 more than the town has budgeted.

- The town has been exploring ways to slow traffic, particularly on streets where children are likely to play. Quotes were received for signs that flash the speed of vehicles, but at nearly \$4,000 perw sign, Kroger said other alternatives for signage will be sought.
- Approved \$17,000 in appropriation transfers for five different funds.

Madison homecoming



Handout

Madison Consolidated High School’s football homecoming will be Friday, Sept. 26 when the Cubs host Providence. The king and queen court includes (from left): Front — Kennedy Rowlett, Maylie Skinner, Aeryonna Dews, Dellah Gibson, Ellie Whitaker and Kylie Montgomery; Back — Trenton Schafer, Zane Skinner, Xander Bauer, Joseph Stanley, Jaden Wooldridge and Beckham Cornelius.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS		
Canaan Fall Festival Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19-20 Live music with Hank's Last Ride from 6-10 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, parade begins at 10:30 a.m., Pony Express at 1 p.m., Cowboy Posse at noon and 3 p.m. Live music by Tanner Keegan at 4 p.m. and live music by The Mood from 7-10 p.m. Kids games, arts and crafts, food vendors and more. Free. Madison Performing Arts Opening Concert At the Piano with Yvonne and Friends Madison Presbyterian Church	10:30 p.m.	An outdoor Hispanic cultural awareness and celebration sponsored by La Casa Amiga in downtown Madison with music, dance performances, food and informational services. Free
202 Broadway Street, Madison Friday, Sept. 19, 7 p.m. Pianist Yvonne Davis with instrumentalists Brook Reindollar, Rick Bennett, Tim Beitzel and Steve Pulias as well as vocalists Faith Bible, Dan Dattillo and Adam Faulkner. Free. Donations appreciated.	Broadway School Reunion and Street Dance North Broadway Street between Fourth and Fifth streets, Madison Saturday, Sept. 20, 4-11 p.m. Music played by DJ Ke with performance by Power Plant Band. Free.	
Movie in the Park City of Madison — Bicentennial Park "Matilda" starting at dusk. Bring blankets and chairs. Free. Opening Reception for Ekphrastic Muse Madison Area Arts Alliance,	Air Show Madison Regional Airport 3919 West IMS Lane, Madison Saturday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The 24th annual Madison Air Show featuring an opportunity to see planes up close and personal with static displays and watch planes in action with flights and aerobatic performances from 1-4 p.m. Opportunities for helicopter rides and plane rides. No rides will be given during the performances.	
THE SPOT, 326 Mulberry Street, Madison Friday, Sept. 19, 5-8 p.m. 10 artists, 10 poets compose poems prompted by art. Artist talk at 6 p.m. Art will be on display Sept. 15-Oct. 15. Free.	Author Talk and Book Discussion Madison-Jefferson County Public Library 420 East Main St., Madison Tuesday, Sept. 30, 5:30 p.m. Jessica K. Whitehead, author of "Driftwood: The Life of Harlan Hubbard" talks about the life of writer, artist, and sustainability pioneer Harlan Hubbard in this new biography highlighting his art, journals, and lasting legacy along the Ohio River.	
Archaeology Day Switzerland County Historical Museum 210 Market Street, Vevay Saturday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special guests from Archaeological Research Institute. Bring stone tools and artifacts, and fossils and rocks for identification. Free. Hispanic Cultural Awareness Eggleston Community Center 419 East Street, Madison Saturday, Sept. 20, 4:30-	REUNIONS Mahoney Family Reunion Saturday, Sept. 20, Noon Trimble County Park U.S. 421 near Bedford The Mahoney family will hold a family-wide reunion at the park shelter house. Bring a covered dish to share. Utensils and drinks will be provided. For more information, call 812-406-	6583.
		FUNDRAISERS Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 Fish Fry 405 East Main Street, Madison Saturday, Sept. 27, beginning at 11 a.m. Semiannual fish fry supports the fire company.
		FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS Salvation Army Food Bank 331 East Main Street, Madison Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, Noon-1 p.m. A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.
		House of Hope Food Pantry 100 East Second Street, Madison Tuesdays 5-7 p.m.; Fridays, 9-11 a.m. A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.
		North Madison Christian Church Food Pantry 1400 East State Road 62 Saturday, Sept. 27, 8-10 a.m. A food distribution at the church on the fourth Saturday of each month (with the exception of holidays). Free with no qualifications.
		CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS Jesus Clothes Closet Trinity United Methodist Church 412 West Main Street, Madison Mondays, 9-11 a.m. Jesus Clothes Closet distributes free clothing to those in need. For more information, call 812-866-4843.
		SENIOR EVENTS Hanover Senior Citizens Center Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at

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Eaglin time to review “because it is a very lengthy document” that’s 182 pages.

“It is a modernization of policy that has been several years in development to improve stormwater management across the city,” Courtney said.

Nicole Schell, the city’s director of planning, said the city utilized OHM Engineering Services to assist with the document when it was hired to update the city’s stormwater ordinance that was adopted by Madison City Council last year. She said a committee was formed to develop the technical standards manual that included herself, code enforcement officer Duey O’Neal, wastewater superintendent Rebecca Frakes and James Hall, who is contracted for city inspections. “This will give us a standard for which James will use when he is reviewing plans submitted. It outlines what city expectations are for stormwater runoff and retention,” she said.

Courtney said BPWS will also soon be presented a Crooked Creek flood mitigation plan and stormwater infrastructure mapping plan.

“That’s taken a tremendous amount of work but we are now reviewing some final elements ... It will be the road map to how we’re going to make additional investment to the mitigation of flash flooding at Crooked Creek watershed, and more importantly” the areas such as northern Walnut Street and Jefferson Street and other places “that have been impacted repeatedly for 150 years of flash flooding,” Courtney said. “We’ve weathered some storms since the last flooding there in 2021, and I think we’ve weathered them much better because we have made the required investment in detention on the hilltop, an annual vegetation remediation program, and the policies to help with future development to limit its impact on stormwater as well as now better stormwater mapping and updated stormwater ordinance, and now a Crooked Creek plan. None of that happens by accident.

It’s been a lot of hard work and it’s been expensive.”

He said the result will be “worthwhile for the safety of our community especially for our historic district.”

In other business, the BPWS:

- Approved a \$122,700 contract with Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz LLC (JTL) for design and environmental services for updating the traffic signals and crosswalks at the intersections on Main Street at West Street and Mulberry streets. The project is being funded by a \$598,950 Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) safety grant through the Indiana Department of Transportation that provides a 90% federal/10% local match.
- Approved Madison Police Department (MPD) standard operating procedures (SOP) for Kinetic energy projectiles that utilize “less lethal” beanbag munitions. The SOP establishes MPD is “committed to reducing the potential for violent confrontations. Kinetic energy projectiles, when used properly, are less likely to result in death or serious physical injury and can be used in an attempt to de-escalate a potentially deadly situation.” Courtney described it “as a very well written policy that’s necessary in order to improve safety and response of very dangerous situations.”
- Approved a first payment of \$88,189.20 to All Star Paving for its work on the Main Street project that is currently underway between Broadway and Mill streets. The overall contract is \$1,228,675.75.
- Derin VanWye appealed a nuisance clean-up for which he was billed the \$1,109.70 cost the contractor had charged the city to do the work. VanWye said the city’s notice to clean up didn’t arrive until after the city’s contractor had already done the work. Because of delays in mail delivery, there was discussion about alternative ways of notifications for nuisance violations. The board agreed unanimously to lower VanWye’s obligation to \$500.
- Approved a final PACE payment of \$3,750 for a rehabilitation grant at 821 Walnut Street, property owned by Foster Mefford and Jackson Stockdale.

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Trimble receives \$500K for splash pad, trail upgrades at county park

BY CINDY WARRICK
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Trimble County Fiscal Court has received more than \$500,000 in grants to make two major additions to Trimble County Park including a splash pad and an expanded and enhanced trails system beginning spring of 2026.

Judge-Executive John Ogburn announced the grants at this week’s meeting of fiscal court — a \$474,000 grant to develop a splash pad and \$75,000 to continue trail development in the park located on U.S. 421 between Bedford and Milton.

The grant for the splash pad comes from the Economic Development Cabinet Land and Water Conservation Department. The county currently has no public pool or splash pad and bids on the project will go out on Oct. 15 with work projected to be completed by late spring or early summer 2026.

The splash pad will be located between the park’s Fields One and



An architectural depiction of what and where the new trailheads and other amenities could be located at the Trimble County Park.

Two and near the bathrooms. While the grant covers \$474,000 of the project’s cost, another approximately \$130,000 must be raised by the county. Ogburn is “confident the remainder can be secured and the splash pad open by spring/early summer next year.”

The other grant received is \$50,000 from the Department of Local Government Trails Program

for trail development at the park. The grant will include the cost of additional clearing on existing trails, construction of additional trails, development and installation of signage and trail marking and the location of five new trailheads.

Trimble Fiscal Court previously received a \$40,000 grant for the purchase of benches along the trails. Ogburn said patrons wishing



A visual interpretation of what the proposed splash pad could look like at Trimble County Park.

to purchase or donate benches in memory or honor of someone, can contact his office to assure that those benches are consistent with those already purchased or to have an existing bench engraved to be placed at a cost to be determined.

The county had originally sought \$125,000 in the trails grant request but that amount was reduced to

\$50,000 after determining the lesser amount would be sufficient to cover the project cost.

Ogburn provided architectural drawings of what the splash pad and trails might look like as well as the location of the five new trailheads and a depiction of the signage, foot bridges and benches planned for the park.

Switzerland County homecoming



Tye Sullivan

Emma Parsons and Luke Sullivan were recently crowned Switzerland County High School’s football homecoming queen and king.

Indiana Supreme Court to hold oral argument at Hanover College

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Indiana Supreme Court will hold an oral argument in a criminal case at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Hanover College’s Collier Arena inside the Horner Health and Recreation Center.

The court will be hearing Ajaylan M. Shabazz v. State of Indiana (25S-CR-183), a criminal case concerning whether trial witness testimony by Zoom satisfies meeting witnesses face-to-face under the Indiana Constitution.

The Court regularly holds oral arguments at the Statehouse in Indianapolis and occasionally schedules arguments outside the capital.

Traveling oral arguments allow students, the press, and the public in other areas of the state the opportunity to see the work of the court.

The 40-minute argument is open to the public. Available seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in attending will be required to enter through the east doors of the Horner Center and go through security. Parking for guests is available in the lot to the north of the Horner Center.

More than 700 students from the following schools are scheduled to attend including Hanover College and Ivy Tech Community College Madison Campus, and Madison Consolidated

High School, Southwestern High School and Switzerland County High School. Others schools include Grace Christian Academy, Jac-Cen-Del High School, Jeffersonville High School, Jennings County High School, Milan High School, New Washington Middle/High School, Rock Creek Community Academy, South Ripley High School and William W. Borden High School.

The argument will be webcast live and archived on the court’s website. Collier Arena is accessible to those with disabilities, and accessible parking is available. Individuals needing special accommodations should contact Sarah.Kidwell@courts.in.gov.

Archaeology Day Sept. 20 at Switzerland Co. Historical Museum

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The annual Archaeology Day at the Switzerland County Historical Museum is an opportunity for experts to not only show their collections, but also to evaluate any artifacts that are brought to the event.

This year’s Archaeology Day will be Saturday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the museum, 210 East Market Street, Vevay.

Jack Blosser, site manager at Fort Ancient Earthworks and Nature Preserve in Ohio for more than 30 years, will meet individually with visitors who bring artifacts they would like

to have identified as to time period and the use of the objects. Stone tools may be chipped or flaked projectile points, scrapers, drills and knives as well as ground stone adzes, chisels, ax heads, net sinkers, pecking stones, pestles and mortars.

Geologist/paleontologist Doug Shrake will also be on site to meet with individuals that have fossils or rocks they would like identified.

Experts will provide demonstrations — Vince Shult on an atlatl, a spear-throwing device, for those interested in trying spear throwing, and Harold Elam on the art of

flintknapping, for those who have wondered how projectile points for spears, arrows and various stone tools are shaped from stone.

Representatives from the Archaeological Research Institute (ARI), a nonprofit based in Lawrenceburg, will be there. ARI is dedicated to exploring, preserving and sharing the past. The organization investigates and protect archaeological sites while making hands-on experiences such as excavations, artifact analysis and accessibility to the public.

TOURISM

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Study Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources about the “importance of state owned land and how important it is for our com-

munity,” specifically Clifty Falls State Park and Lanier Mansion State Historic Site.

“The state is trying to take a look at what’s the economic value of public lands,” said Forrester. “I think it really is important to Madison.”

Forrester said in 2024, the data shows there were approximately 1

million visits to Jefferson County with 500,000 going to Clifty Falls State Park including 100,000 coming from more than 50 miles away. “You look at half the people who come here, whether it’s across the county line or 100 miles away coming to Clifty Falls State Park, that’s really good.”

He said the legislative study

committees are typically “in advance of them making some kind of investment,” which could potentially lead to an investment in state lands.

JCBT treasurer David Bramer reported that the latest innkeeper’s tax collections show significant gains over last year, most likely benefiting from the increased rate — previously

5% and now 8% — effective beginning this year

Collections so far in 2025 are \$651,676.64, a 40.3% over the \$464,466.65 collected through the first eight months of 2024. In August, \$120,142.78 was collected, a 39.6% increase over the August 2024 total of \$86,037.79.

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particular. Remember, he can’t speak or play an instrument or anything. He uses the onscreen tools and eye movements to create lyrics and melody structure. And his mom Caroline will often play chord progressions on her guitar that he can respond to, saying Yes or No with eye blinks. It can take almost a month to work out one song, but he is determined and his spirit never wavers. It’s very inspiring to be a part of it.

“We actually recorded his new song, with a friend singing vocals and me on guitar. If you search Youtube for ‘Alex Yiu Tennessee’ you’ll find it. I love all his songs from over the years, but this contest song has just knocked it out of the park.

“What’s amazing about Alex, even with his limitations, he is still an artist and musician, in every sense of the word. He doesn’t dwell

on what’s happened to him, but rather he taps into the sensory experiences like touch and smell and sight to form his inspiration and express his musical vision. Working with Alex over the past 11 years has been a huge privilege, and we’re very excited to share his story and his new song with a larger audience. If you don’t mind taking a moment, go to the website and vote for his entry. Voting starts on September 22nd.”

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

I covered this a couple weeks ago, but it bears repeating. Our beloved Main Street landmark, the Ohio Theatre, is reopening on Saturday after a fairly major upgrade to the auditorium floor and stage. The event is titled Rumble at the Ohio, and it is classic professional-style wrestling, with costumes and heroes and heels and the whole spectacle. But it will also feature music in the form of a very special “custom” band just for the occasion, Robert Reynolds

& the Rumble Fish. The music starts at 6 p.m. if you want to catch it. This is the second time for wrestling at the Ohio, and if the first time is any indicator, it is sure to be a full-house, rockin’ great time! Other than that, the calendar looks like a classic music-filled weekend in Indiana’s Music City, with lots of our favorite local and regional bands taking the many small stages at our bars and venues. If you are looking for memorable weekend getaway filled with fun, food and music, you won’t find a better place than Madison!

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MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday Sept. 19
River boat Inn – Joe & Deano (7 p.m.-10 p.m.)
Timeless LIVE! – Stoned Gomes with Custom Made & Rock Steady

1st Street Saloon – DJ Mad Paddle Brew-stillery – Six Ways to Sunday American Legion Post 9 – Joe & Deano (7 p.m.-10 p.m.)

Tailgaters – DJ Scratch Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tiki LIVE – L & L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Timeless LIVE – Stoned Gnomes/No Hype (8 p.m.-Midnight)

Central – Jimmy Davis Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Saturday Sept. 20
Riverboat Inn – Scott Brauner (Steel Drums)
1st Street Saloon – DJ Mad Paddle Brew-stillery – Roman Toast Ohio Theatre – Robert Reynolds & The Rumble Fish (6 p.m.)
Thomas Family Winery – Erik Brunner (8 p.m.)
VFW – Damn Strange Sunday (8 p.m.)

Tailgaters – Ragtop Deluxe (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Tiki LIVE – L & L Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)
Timeless LIVE – Rockin’ Cowboys (8 p.m.-Midnight)



Handout

Lindsay Zehren (on guitar) and Alex Yui compose music on a computer that uses software to track his eye movement and blinks to make selections.

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Sports

BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP



Photos by David Campbell

Southwestern's Connor Johnson (left) reacts after scoring what proved to be the winning goal in the Hilltoppers' 1-0 win over Shawe on Monday at home.

Johnson's goal lifts Southwestern over No. 10 Shawe 1-0

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Connor Johnson's goal 25 minutes into the game proved to be the winner as unbeaten Southwestern boys soccer upset Class A No. 10 Shawe 1-0 on Monday in Hanover. Johnson's goal came just moments after Shawe just missed a score of its own. Both teams had chances in the second half before Southwestern claimed the win. On Wednesday, Shawe finished in a 1-1 draw at South Ripley. No results for the match were available. Shawe also played to a draw on Wednesday, tying Rising Sun 2-2 on the road. Pedro Gondim and Bradley Martinez scored goals for the Hilltoppers and Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda had an assist. Shawe, now 7-1-2 overall, 3-1 Ohio River Valley Con-

ference, hosts South Ripley on Monday. Southwestern, now 6-0-3 overall, 4-0-1 ORVC, hosts Rising Sun on Friday and competes in the Scottsburg Invitational on Saturday. The Rebels host Milan on Tuesday. **MADISON DRAWS BATESVILLE** Madison's boys posted a 2-2 draw at home to Batesville on Tuesday. No details for the game were available. Madison, now 5-1-2 on the season, hosted Seymour on Thursday and hosts Corydon on Saturday. The Cubs travel to Lawrenceburg next Thursday. **PACERS SHUT OUT MILAN** Switzerland County picked

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Southwestern goalie Tryson Warren (19) battles to deflect a shot during the Rebels' 1-0 win over Shawe on Monday in Hanover.

Steer homers, drives in 5 as Reds beat Cardinals 6-2 in rubber game

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Spencer Steer homered and drove in five runs, helping Brady Singer and the Cincinnati Reds beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-2 on Wednesday. The Reds (76-76) used 11 hits to take the rubber game of the three-game series. They are hoping to rally into the third NL wild card in the final days of the season. Singer (14-10) permitted two runs, one earned, and three hits in 5 2/3 innings. Cincinnati went ahead to stay in the fourth. Sal Stewart and Elly De La Cruz each drew a one-out walk against Andre Pallante (6-15) before Steer connected for his 18th homer. Steer collected his third hit when he drove in two runs with a single off Matt Svanson in the seventh, giving the Reds a 6-2 lead. Alec Burleson hit his 18th homer for St. Louis in the first. The Cardinals (74-79) finished with five hits. Pallante allowed four runs and six hits in five innings. He is 0-8 in his last nine starts. The Cardinals went 7-6 against the Reds in the season series.

KEY MOMENT

Steer's 411-foot homer on a 95.2 mph fastball from Pallante had an exit velocity of 106.1 mph.

KEY STAT

Singer is 5-1 with a 1.94 ERA in his



Jeff Roberson/AP Photo

Cincinnati Reds' Austin Hays (12) and Elly De La Cruz (44) celebrate a victory over the St. Louis Cardinals following a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday in St. Louis.

last seven starts. His 14 wins are a career high.

UP NEXT

Reds: RHP Hunter Greene (6-4, 3.01 ERA) starts on Thursday in the opener

of a four-game series against the Chicago Cubs. Cardinals: RHP Sonny Gray (13-8, 4.43 ERA) starts on Friday in the opener of a weekend series against the NL Central-leading Brewers.

Bengals put Burrow on IR, sign Rypien as backup

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Bengals placed quarterback Joe Burrow on injured reserve Tuesday after he suffered a turf toe injury during the first half of Sunday's 31-27 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars. Burrow is expected to be out at least three months because of the injury to his left foot. A timeline for surgery and rehabilitation has not been announced by the team. Jake Browning will take over as Cincinnati's starting QB beginning with this week's game at Minnesota as the Bengals look to go 3-0 for the first time since 2015. Browning went 4-3 as the Bengals' starter in the final seven games of the 2023 season after Burrow was sidelined with a right wrist injury. Brett Rypien will be Browning's backup after he was signed off the practice squad. Rypien played in 10 games for Denver and the Los Angeles Rams from 2020-23 with four starts. The Bengals also signed Mike White and Sean Clifford to the practice squad. White has played in 15 games with



Jeff Dean/AP Photo

Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow (9) enters the field before an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday in Cincinnati.

seven starts in previous stops with Dallas, the New York Jets, Miami and Buffalo. Clifford is a Cincinnati native who spent

the last two seasons with Green Bay. Clifford played in two games in 2023 and was on the practice squad last year.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Southwestern sweeps two matches to remain unbeaten

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern picked up a pair of 5-0 wins in boys tennis this week to remain unbeaten on the season. On Monday, Southwestern defeated Henryville 5-0 at home. In singles, Braxton Lewis won 6-2, 6-3, Talon Wynn won 6-1, 6-1 and Quinton Lewis won 6-4, 6-4. In doubles, Brady Cook and Colton Deputy won 6-0, 6-0 and Max Joseph and Luke Morrow won their doubles match by forfeit. On Tuesday, Southwestern beat Greensburg 5-0 on the road. Braxton Lewis, Wynn and Quinton Lewis each claimed wins at singles while Brady Cook and Colton Deputy and Max Joseph and Luke Morrow won doubles matches.

Southwestern, now 14-0 on the season, plays in the Scottsburg Invitational on Friday and Saturday, travels to Lawrenceburg on Monday and heads to Milan on Tuesday. **MADISON FALLS AT CHARLESTOWN** Madison boys tennis suffered a 3-2 loss at Charlestown on Wednesday. Both of the Cubs' wins came in doubles where Brock Brandon and Ayden Litter won 6-1, 7-5 and Ivan Tome and Elliott Kozenski won 6-1, 6-1. In singles, Carson Cammack lost 6-2, 6-4, Noah Meacham lost 6-2, 6-2 and Colin Zheng lost 6-0, 6-1. Madison, now competes in the Scottsburg Invitational on Friday and Saturday and hosts Scottsburg on Monday.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Cross Country

Hanover at Olivet Nazarene (Ill.), 4 p.m.

Football

Madison at Jennings Co., 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts North Decatur, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. hosts Anderson Co., 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. at Eminence, 7:30 p.m.

Soccer

Hanover men host Wabash, 4 p.m.
Southwestern boys host Rising Sun, 5:30 p.m.
Hanover women at Ohio Wesleyan, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Madison, Southwestern boys, Scottsburg Invite, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

Cross Country

Trimble Co. at Williamstown, 8:15 a.m.
Madison, Shawe, Shelbyville Invite, 8:45 a.m.
Southwestern, South Dearborn Invite, 9 a.m.

Football

Hanover at Alma (Mich.), 1 p.m.

Golf

Hanover women at Earlham, 9 a.m.
Madison, Southwestern, Switzerland Co., IHSAA Sectional at Sunrise, 11 a.m.

Soccer

Madison girls host Corydon, 10 a.m.
Southwestern boys, Scottsburg Invite, 10 a.m.
Madison boys host Corydon, noon
Shawe boys host Providence, 1 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host South Ripley, 5 p.m.

Tennis

Madison, Southwestern boys, Scottsburg Invite, 9 a.m.

Volleyball

Madison girls host Rock Creek, 11

a.m.

Hanover at DePauw, noon

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

Golf

Hanover women host Earlham, 9 a.m.

Soccer

Hanover women host North Central (Ill.), 1 p.m.
Hanover men at Wilmington (Ohio), 2 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

Soccer

Shawe boys host South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Shawe girls host Scottsburg, 6:30 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls at Collins, 7:30 p.m.

Tennis

Madison boys host Scottsburg, 4:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at Lawrenceburg, 5 p.m.

Volleyball

Madison girls host Christian Academy of Indiana, 7 p.m.
Shawe girls host Oldenburg, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

Soccer

Southwestern boys host Milan, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys host Shelby Co., 6 p.m.
Madison girls at Batesville, 6 p.m.
Madison boys at Jennings Co., 6:30 p.m.

Tennis

Southwestern boys at Milan, 5 p.m.

Volleyball

Carroll Co. girls host Owen Co., 7 p.m.
Hanover at Asbury (Ky.), 7 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Madison, 7 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls hosts Eminence, 7:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP



Photos by David Campbell

Madison’s Anna Black (1) blocks the shot of Scottsburg’s Elyse Amick (33) during the Cubs’ three-set sweep at home on Tuesday.

Madison rolls to three-set sweep over Scottsburg

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison volleyball had little trouble with border rival Scottsburg, rolling to a three-set win over the Warriors at home on Tuesday.

The Cubs won by scores of 25-10, 25-19, 25-11.

Brittan Neuman had 12 kills and 10 digs for the Cubs, Lilly Canida had 10 kills and four blocks, Maylie Skinner had nine kills and four digs, Ava Canida had nine digs and three aces, Anna Black had three blocks, Audrey Miller had 28 assists and five digs, Neveah Scott had five digs and Marley Stivers had four digs.

Madison suffered a three-set loss at Trinity Lutheran, 25-18, 25-17, 25-18, on Monday.

Neuman had five kills and nine digs, Lilly Canida had five kills, Black had four kills, Ava Canida had 10 digs and three aces, Audrey Miller had 12 assists and eight digs and

Maylie Skinner had eight digs.

Madison, now 12-6 on the season, hosts Rock Creek Academy on Saturday and hosts Christian Academy of Indiana on Monday.

TRIMBLE SWEEPS CARROLL

Trimble County posted a three-set win at Carroll County on Tuesday.

The Raiders won by scores of 25-18, 25-12, 25-19. The win halted a two game losing streak for the Raiders and extended the Panthers' skid to eight games

Emery Pierce had 11 kills, 10 aces and seven digs for Trimble, Kendra Mahoney had three kills and three blocks, Emma Heaton had a six assists, Mika Jett had 10 digs, Chloe Ginn had nine digs, and Anna Brierly had eight digs.

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Madison’s Brittan Neuman (10) hammers a kill during the Cubs’ three-set sweep of Scottsburg at home on Tuesday.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Southwestern's Savannah Nussbaum has been named Ohio River Valley Conference girls cross country runner of the week.

Nussbaum, a sophomore, picked up strong wins in the Scottsburg and Jac-Cen-Del Invationals.

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— Trimble County's Silas Sandusky has been named the North Central Kentucky Conference football player of the week.

Sandusky had 140 yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns as the Raiders beat Gallatin County 20-7 to end a 19-game losing streak on Saturday. He also had four solo tackles on defense.

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— Southwestern knocked off Madison 3-1 in junior varsity boys tennis last Thursday in Madison.

Brady Bowman won in singles for the Rebels while Luke Coles and Shane Hardy, and Kingston Elliott and Kobe Rogers won in doubles.

On Friday, Southwestern beat New Washington 3-2 at home. Coles won at No. 2 singles, Ryan Hall won at No. 3 singles and Hardy and

Jackson Wheeler won at doubles.

The Rebels defeated Greensburg 3-1 on Tuesday.

Kingston Elliott won a singles match and the doubles teams of Rogers and Coles and Hall and Hardy claimed wins.

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— Shawe and Madison finished in a 2-2 draw in junior high girls soccer last Thursday.

Shawe got two goals from Kinglsey Copeland and assists from Harper Denning and Olivia Hollihan. Jozlynn Wagner had nine saves in goal.

Shawe then defeated Southwestern 5-0 in girls soccer at home on Wednesday.

Copeland, Veda Hofferth, Cora Peddie, Hollihan and Harper Goddard each scored for the Hilltoppers on Wednesday. Ruby Bear, Hollihan and Veda Hofferth had assists.

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— Southwestern Middle School girls cross country picked up a victory in the Pre-Ohio River Valley Conference meet at Rising Sun on Thursday.

The Rebels scored 22

points to win while neither Shawe nor Switzerland County fielded complete teams.

Scorers for Southwestern were: Harper Green, first, 12:11.35; Callie Farmer, second, 12:57.82; Annistyn Cloud, sixth, 14:17.67; Payton Shepherd, seventh, 14:30.74; and Lillian Bickers, 10th, 15:02.86.

Results for Shawe were: Holland Kring, third, 13:14.75; Olivia Hill, 14th, 15:41.18; Noah Warren, 20th, 17:27.90; and Addy Ciejk, 23rd, 17:35.99.

Results for Switzerland County were: Sadie Kelso, ninth, 14:50.86; Gabby Day, 12th, 15:18.40; Marlee Selmeyer, 17th, 16:06.57; and Reagan Hatton, 22nd, 17:35.97.

Rising Sun won the boys race with 34 points. Shawe was second with 54 points, Southwestern was third with 58 and Switzerland was fourth with 85.

Scorers for Shawe were: Sam Gish, first, 12:11.35; John Paul Guetig, seventh, 12:49.06; Martin Wilhelm, 10th, 13:09.18; Dylan Schafer, 26th, 15:35.99; and Finn Reed, 29th, 15:47.17.

Scorers for Southwestern

were: Erik Nopal Valencia, second, 12:24.54; Quinn Green, sixth, 12:47.44; Logan Bowman, 16th, 13:35.72; Mason James, 19th, 14:48.12; and Liam Taylor, 27th, 15:36.47.

Scorers for Switzerland County were: Larkin Dennis, 11th, 13:10.66; Jordan Thurman, 13th, 13:26.63; Clayton Bear, 18th, 13:49.32; Linkon Gault, 33rd, 16:03.32; and Kamden Riley, 34th, 16:12.44.

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— Southwestern Middle School's boys tennis team beat Seymour 4-1 at home on Monday.

Quentin Helton and Myles Field won in singles and Jacob Adams and Mason Field, and Bryston Chatham and Jayden Jackson won in doubles.

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— Shawe Junior High boys soccer scored a 3-1 win over Switzerland County on Tuesday.

Liam Miller scored two goals for the Hilltoppers, Ayden Dempler had one goal, Johnny Cooke had one assist, Patrick Kahn had two saves, and Jaydan Kinman had one save.

Shawe is now 8-1-1 on the season.

Madison golf edges Switzerland in sectional preview at Sunrise

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison and Switzerland County matched up in a girls sectional golf preview at Sunrise Golf Course on Tuesday.

Madison won the match, shooting a 200 with Switzerland second at 206 and Southwestern a distant third with a 259. At the same time, illness and injury prevented the match from one of the marquee matchups that could take place at sectional.

"It wasn't quite the sectional preview anybody might have been looking for today. (Switzerland's) Alexis Mangold was out with shoulder soreness today, and for us, Emmi (Dowell) is coming off an illness, and Eliza (Burnette) is out," Madison coach Jake Shockley said. "That being said, it's still nice to pick up a couple of victories. Claire (Miller) has been good lately, and Emma (Shockley) and Izzie (Perry) have shown signs of getting back to their old selves and have had good practices."

Dowell still shot a 46 to take low-medalist honors while Miller had a 48, Shockley and Perry each had 53s and Tera Scharlau carded a 57.

In junior varsity rounds, Lilly Clark had a personal-best 58, Savannah Petro had a 58, Emily Garcia had a 62, Olivia Miller had a 64 and Marlee Thompson had a 69.

Payton Stow led Switzerland with a 48, Marilyn Dalrymple had a 49, Paige Gregory had a 53, Brinley Bear had a 56 while Eva Zanabria carded a non-scoring 62.

Paisley Hendrix shot a 52 to lead Southwestern, Ava Barnes had a 63, and Lilly Eggenstill and Jasmin Corral each had 72s.

"The girls had a great round tonight. It is always great to play the sectional course the week before the sectional," Southwestern coach Matt Johnson said. "We have a good idea of the things we need to continue to work on in preparation for Saturday."

Madison then closed the regular season with a 193-262 win over Lawrenceburg on Wednesday.

Dowell shot a 42, Burnette had a 43, Scharlau had a 53 and Perry and Petro each had 55s. In JV rounds, Claire Miller had a 51, Shockley had a 54, Garcia had a 60,

and Olivia Miller and Marlee Thompson each had 65.

"Since it was senior night, Coach Amanda (Detmer-Leary) and I thought it would be cool for all five seniors to start tonight. It turned out really well, I think. Eliza has been out, so it was great to have her back. She didn't miss a beat. She is an important part of our team, and we weren't quite the same without her," Shockley said. "Savannah stepped up big tonight. This was her first time starting in the first five, and she did really well. She's been playing solidly for her, so I was hoping she would have a good night, and she did. I'm really happy she's able to go out on such a high note."

All three teams compete in the IHSAA Sectional at Sunrise Golf Course on Saturday.

"I'm stressing to the ladies that they'd better come to play. I'm sure Switz is hungry for their first-ever sectional title and will be happy to take it from us," Shockley said. "We have to make sure we hold serve and not let what we did to Southwestern in 2019 happen to us. (Southwestern was probably the sectional favorites all year, but we kept getting closer and closer and won it on a fifth score tie break).

"That being said, the weather is going to be nice, and there's nothing like playing in the postseason. That's why we grind so hard during the season."

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers roll over Asbury in men's soccer 4-0

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover picked up a 4-0 win at Asbury in men's soccer on Wednesday.

Andrew Pavlisko, McLain Barber, Miles McMillen and Brandon Elizarraras each had goals for the Panthers with Elizarraras, Cole Hubert and Brandon Seabaugh each adding assists. Keeper Rodrigo Gutierrez Olvera Gonzalez had five saves in goal.

Hanover, now 3-2-2 on the season, hosts Wabash on Friday and travels to Wilmington on Sunday.

VOLLEYBALL PANTHERS BEAT QUAKERS

Hanover picked up a 3-1 women's volleyball win over Wilmington at home on Wednesday.

The Panthers won by scores of 25-7, 25-16, 21-25, 25-14.

Elliot Mays had 13 kills for Hanover, Madison Schicker had 23 digs, Maddie Robertson had three blocks and Megan Vogel had 25 assists.

Hanover, now 8-4 on the season, travels to DePauw on Saturday and heads to Asbury on Tuesday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER DRAWS DEPAUW

Hanover women's soccer played DePauw to a 2-2 draw on Tuesday in Greencastle.

Cam Horsley and Lily Clark each scored a goal for Hanover and Anna Beth Hawkins had an assist. Goalie Emma Patterson had two assists.

Hanover, now 2-3-1 on the season, travels to Ohio Wesleyan on Friday and hosts North Central on Sunday.

GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Shawe rolls to big wins over Southwestern, Trinity Lutheran

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Shawe girls soccer picked up two dominating wins earlier this week.

On Monday, the Hilltoppers hammered Ohio River Valley Conference rival Southwestern 8-0. Brylee Liter had two goals for Shawe and Jenna Flint, Natalie Boyd, Lucy Wilhelm Malarie Boswell and McKenley Copeland each scored one goal.

Shawe then rolled to a 6-1 win over Trinity Lutheran

Tuesday on the road.

Justice Kuntz, Jenna Flint and Maria Ameca-Mendoza each scored goals in the first half to take a 3-0 lead and Ava Flint, Kuntz and Liter all scored in the second half. Boswell and Wilhelm each had assists.

Shawe out-shot Trinity 34-4 and Hilltopper goalie Odyssey Felix had two saves.

Shawe, now 7-2 on the season, hosts Scottsburg on Monday.

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Switzerland, Shawe run at Milan

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The cross country teams from Switzerland County and Shawe competed at Milan on Tuesday.

Milan won the boys race with 27 points with Switzerland running second with 30 points. South Dearborn was the only school to field a complete girls team but Switzerland County's Claire Boggs won the race with a time of 22:02.38.

Finishes for the Switzerland County boys were: Cole Collier, fourth, 19:22.66; Landon Gross, sixth, 19:55.17; Gavin Rich, eighth, 20:29.67; Michael Gross, 10th, 20:41.94; Luke Sullivan, 14th,

22:06.92; Josiah Holliday, 16th, 23:17.88; Harlowe Haines, 18th, 27:38.09; and Seth Burke, 19th, 27:46.66.

Finishes for the Shawe boys were: Cohenn Hambrick, seventh, 20:08.11; Victor Pacheco, 15th, 22:26.29; Nathan Fewell, 17th, 23:45.90; and Luke Gardner, 21st, 29:17.07.

Other finishes for the Switzerland County girls were: Jazmyn Blevins, fourth, 24:34.53; and Miley Stroud, 10th, 31:12.36.

Shawe competes in the Shelbyville Invitational on Saturday and both teams run at South Ripley next Thursday.

TALE OF 2 KICKERS



Indianapolis Colts place kicker Spencer Shrader (3) celebrates with Rigoberto Sanchez (8) and Cam Bynum (0) after Shrader kicked a game-winning field goal during the second half an NFL football game against the Denver Broncos on Sunday in Indianapolis.

Shrader leads NFL with 9 field goals while Colts still haven't punted

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Spencer Shrader and Rigoberto Sanchez suit up for every Indianapolis Colts practice in side-by-side lockers. So naturally the two specialists have developed a tight bond.

But they couldn't have envisioned a more unusual script to the start of this season.

While Shrader has been the NFL's busiest kicker through two games with a league-high nine field goals, including Sunday's game-winner, Sanchez still has not punted.

It's a tale of teammates who seem content to continue in their current roles.

"As long as we keep winning, it's fine," Sanchez said Wednesday. "You know I've been here long enough. I just want to keep winning, man, that's it."

Sanchez thought he had seen it all through his first eight pro seasons — winning, losing, annual quarterback changes, even a midseason coaching change. But these first two games reminded him there's always a curveball.

The Colts have scored on 14 of 17 possessions, turning the ball over twice on downs and once when time expired at the end of the first half following an inside run and they needed a leverage penalty to beat Denver on Sunday.

Sanchez actually did punt once, but it was nullified by a penalty that gave Indy (2-0) a first down. That means Sanchez is the first punter in the Super Bowl era to be unused through the first two games of a season.



Indianapolis Colts place kicker Spencer Shrader (3) celebrates with teammates after kicking the game-winning field goal during the second half an NFL football game against the Denver Broncos on Sunday in Indianapolis.

It's the first time his foot got a break in consecutive games and with so much time off, Sanchez has heard the quips about being overpaid or the playful speculation about what he does during the games.

Sanchez just takes it in stride.

"I warmed up the whole game (Sunday), I still kicked and punted the whole game, so I was ready to go. Sanchez said, describing his pregame and halftime routines as well as his regular sideline workout — kicking into a net.

"Every day you prepare because if you get thrown out there, you've got to be ready."

But Sanchez is more than just a punter — he's also the Colts' holder. And after working with kickers such as Adam Vinatieri and Matt Gay, he's now breaking in Shrader, a second-year player with his first full-time job in the NFL.

Getting here wasn't easy for the kid who grew up

watching the Colts in suburban Indy and finished his college career at Notre Dame. Shrader spent each of the past two training camps in Indy and made his pro debut replacing the injured Gay in last season's opener. He spent the next five weeks on Indy's practice squad before he was released for the second and final time in mid-October.

He eventually landed with the New York Jets, where he made both of his field-goal attempts in his only game. The next stop was Kansas City, where he made the decisive field goal against Carolina before landing on injured reserve.

"With all the different situations I was in, the different coaching staffs, the buildings I was in, players that I was around, there's just so much you learn," Shrader said. "I can say, like being around (Chiefs kicker) Harrison Butker, what I learned from was just the focus on trying to succeed every single day

and figuring out ways to get better. It was my first year in league, I barely played in any games and he was asking me questions like 'How do you kick like that?' And I'm thinking why is Harrison Butker asking me anything about kicking?"

Whatever the lesson, it seemed to sink in and got the Colts attention.

So when they released Gay and brought back Shrader, Sanchez already knew what to expect.

"He brings the energy every day," Sanchez said. "Whether it's a good kick or a bad kick, he wants to find a way to get better, and he's just a great dude. He comes to work every day, tries to learn off everybody. He's pretty special."

Shrader keeps proving it, too.

He made all five of his field-goal attempts last season and has started this season 9 for 9, including Sunday's 45-yarder to beat Denver with no time on the clock. He's also 5 for 5 on extra points and leads the league with 32 points.

And while Sanchez and Shrader know their streaks will end at some point, the Colts want to keep them intact as long as they can.

"I was talking with (long snapper) Luke (Rhodes) and Rigo earlier and we were reflecting on the game and the moment and the kick and everything. It was like, 'Man, it kind of feels like a dream now,'" Shrader said. "I have no idea what's coming. I just have to be prepared as much as I can — whether there is wind or no wind, rain or indoors or outdoors, it's my job to go in and do my best to make kicks."



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts (1) gets a push from behind from Philadelphia Eagles tight end Grant Calcaterra (81) against the Kansas City Chiefs in the second half during an NFL football game on Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.

Officiating issues fuel calls to ban tush push

BY ROB MAADDI
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

The Super Bowl rematch turned into bully ball highlighted by the NFL's ugliest play.

Jalen Hurts, Saquon Barkley and the Philadelphia Eagles pushed — literally — their way past Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs, 20-17, on Sunday.

Hurts scored a touchdown on a tush push and the Eagles used the play seven times to help hand the Chiefs their first three-game losing streak with Mahomes and send them to their first 0-2 start since 2014.

The NFL tried to ban the tush push following a proposal from the Green Bay Packers in the offseason but fell two votes short of eliminating it.

Those who oppose the play must've cringed watching the Eagles use it repeatedly in front of a national television audience.

There's no doubt many of the decision-makers noticed.

Tom Brady pointed out that two of Philadelphia's offensive linemen moved early when Hurts was pushed into the end zone for a 20-10 lead midway through the fourth quarter. Replays showed the Eagles got away with a false start.

After Hurts appeared to lose the ball but was ruled down to gain a first down on the play in the final two minutes, Fox rules analyst Dean Blandino said: "I am done with the tush push, guys. It's a hard play to officiate."

While there was plenty of scoring and exciting action around the league in Week 2 — the Cowboys beat the Giants 40-37 in overtime in a thrilling, back-and-forth matchup — the tush push became a main topic of conversation during the NFL's game of the week.

Sure, there was plenty of talk about Kansas City's early season struggles, Andy Reid's out-of-sync offense and Travis Kelce not being on the same page with Mahomes. But the game wasn't pretty and the tush push magnified the ugliness.

Critics argued in the offseason that it's a dangerous play, but there wasn't enough injury data to ban it for safety concerns. Most of the disdain was directed at the aesthetics of the play.

"Is it part of what football has been traditionally, or is it more of a rugby play?" NFL Competition Committee chairman Rich McKay said about the discussion.

Those who hate the appearance of the tush push saw it on full display at Arrowhead Stadium.

They'll have to see it for at least the remainder of the season because it's not going anywhere. The Eagles (2-0) have mastered it in short-yardage situations and they'll keep using it until team owners vote to get rid of it, if they ever do.

Blandino's frustration with the play was echoed by viewers and NFL fans except for anyone who roots for Philly. The new argument against it could center on the difficulty officiating it properly.

"We work our (tails) off on it," coach Nick Sirianni said. "First of all, it's all about the guys, right? It's all about the guys up front, the tight ends, Jalen, the timing of everything. Obviously, won't get into all the things that we do to prepare for it, but it's not an easy play to practice, but our guys do a great job of simulating it as much as we possibly can."

"During practice, during walkthroughs, different things like that, creativity by our coaches to find ways to do that. As you can see, teams are going to do everything they can possibly do to stop it. Some of the things, I won't get into that, either. I won't give any other teams a clue to what they were doing. We're prepared for all those things, and the guys are prepared for all those things. I think it always comes down to those guys up front and Jalen had a lot of success with that play. We'll continue to use it to our advantage."

If it becomes an unfair advantage because officials can't catch false starts, the NFL will have to address the problem.

Taylor says Bengals won't overhaul offense with Browning at QB

BY CHARLIE GOLDSMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati coach Zac Taylor said that since quarterback Jake Browning has shown what he can do in the Bengals' offense and has been a part of the organization for five years, he won't have to change up the scheme much as Browning takes over under center for the injured Joe Burrow.

"Preparation equals confidence," Taylor said Wednesday as the Bengals (2-0) get ready to face the Minnesota Vikings (1-1) on Sunday. "When you've prepared for your opportunity, then there's a true confidence that comes with that."

"There's nothing they're going to show me that I haven't watched and seen and prepared for and thought through in my head and walked through in my own. Jake is an example of someone who's truly pre-



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Jake Browning (6) throws a pass during the second half of an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday in Cincinnati.

pared for a moment. And so that's where his confidence stems from. And now you just go play football."

Browning started his NFL career as an undrafted free agent with the Minnesota Vikings in 2019, and he joined the Bengals' practice squad in 2021. In 2023, when Burrow missed the second

half of the season with a wrist injury, Browning had a winning record (4-3) in seven starts.

Now with Burrow on injured reserve because of a turf toe injury, Browning gets his next opportunity to show what he can do.

"Execution breeds a lot of confidence," Browning

said. "My main goal is just to execute well, play fast, make fast decisions, be decisive and try to help us win and whatever comes as a result of that, or however everybody feels now, I'm pretty focused on doing my job."

While the Bengals added two potential backups to their practice squad on Tuesday in Mike White and Sean Clifford, the Bengals are moving forward with Browning as their starter.

"I love the guy," Bengals offensive coordinator Dan Patcher said. "(Browning) and I have a really good relationship. It's just awesome when you see him get an opportunity and he does what we all believe that he's going to do and this team believes in him, his coaches believe in him, and man, that goes a long way. That's why I sit here 2-0, excited, energized, because everything we want to do this year is right in front of us."

Brett Rypien, who signed onto the Bengals practice squad in August and joined the active roster on Tuesday, is set up to back up Browning in the short term.

Rypien, an undrafted free agent out of Boise State, has played in 10 NFL games between 2020 and 2023.

Since he didn't participate in training camp with the Bengals, he has had to learn the offense on the fly.

"Here, you go through the game plan and make sure you know what the protection rules are," Rypien said. "If I was going from a jet protection system to a 'Mike' protection system, it'd probably be a lot harder. The calls are similar up front for Minnesota as they are here. It's really just learning what the pass concepts are and being able to know where everyone is going to be at."

White has played in 15 NFL games over the past four years and completed 61.4% of his passes in the

regular season. He's friends with former Bengals Eli Apple, CJ Uzomah and Mitchell Wilcox, who all provided good reviews of Taylor and the Bengals.

Similar to Rypien and Clifford, White is learning a Bengals system that's new to him.

"Your prep time is critical," White said. "Your process in the week. Getting reps after practice. You're not going to get reps in the week because the starter needs it. You commit to a process."

Clifford was selected by the Packers in the fifth round of the 2023 draft. He hasn't thrown a pass yet in the NFL.

Clifford is a Cincinnati native and went to St. Xavier High School.

"I'm back on the field in my hometown," Clifford said. "I had over 300 messages yesterday. If I didn't get back to you, I apologize ... It's a lot of love. I can feel it. I'm excited to be a part of a great team."

Texas A&M hits No. 10; Notre Dame first ranked 0-2 team since 1988

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — Texas A&M made a big jump into the top 10 of The Associated Press college football poll Sunday after its dramatic win at Notre Dame, and the Irish became the first team since 1988 to stay in the Top 25 with an 0-2 record.

Ohio State, Penn State and LSU remained the top three teams, with Miami moving up to No. 4 and Georgia to No. 5 even after a close call at No. 15 Tennessee.

Oregon slipped two spots to No. 6 despite a 20-point road win against Northwestern and was followed by Florida State, Texas, Illinois and the Aggies.

Georgia Tech, Vanderbilt and Southern California made their season debuts in the Top 25.

Ohio State tussled with Ohio into the middle of the third quarter of a 37-9 win and received 55 first-place votes, two fewer than last week. Penn State got five first-place votes, LSU got two, Miami got three and Oregon got one. The Hurricanes' first-place votes are their first since getting three on Nov. 19, 2017.

Alabama was rewarded for its 24-point home win against Wisconsin and moved up five spots to No. 14. Voters didn't punish Tennessee for its overtime home loss to Georgia and kept the Volunteers No. 15.

Texas A&M was promoted six spots after it overcame a scary injury to safety Bryce Anderson, a blocked punt returned for a touchdown and 13 penalties to win 41-40 on Marcel Reed's fourth-and-goal pass to Nate Boerkircher with 11 seconds left.

The Aggies, who opened with solid wins over UTSA and Utah State, are 3-0 for the first time since 2021 and have their highest ranking since they were No. 10 entering November last season.

Notre Dame has lost its first two games, both against ranked opponents, by a total of four points. The Irish lost 27-24 at Miami and had an open date before Texas A&M visited. They fell from No. 8 to No. 24.

The 1988 Michigan Wolverines, the previous team to start 0-2 and remain ranked, also had an extremely tough first two games. They entered



Paul Beaty/AP photo

Texas A&M's Will Lee III celebrates after defeating Notre Dame 41-40 in an NCAA football game on Sept. 13 in South Bend, Ind.



Paul Beaty/AP photo

Notre Dame running back Jeremiyah Love (4) celebrates with teammates after rushing for a touchdown during the fourth quarter of an NCAA football game against Texas A&M on Sept. 13 in South Bend, Ind.

the season No. 9 and lost to No. 13 Notre Dame 19-17, dropped to No. 15 and lost 31-30 at No. 1 Miami. Michigan was No. 19 the following week and went 9-0-1 the rest of the way.

Other teams that started 0-2 and stayed in the rankings were 1984 Auburn, 1958 SMU, 1949 Missouri and 1948 Purdue.

IN AND OUT

Georgia Tech, coming off

its win over Clemson, is 3-0 for the first time since 2016, and its No. 18 ranking is its highest since 2015.

No. 20 Vanderbilt's 24-point win at South Carolina earned the Commodores their highest ranking since they started 5-0 in 2008.

No. 25 USC has its first ranking since the first week of last October.

South Carolina (11), Clemson (12) and South Florida (18) are out.

The Gamecocks were down 14-7 late in the first half when quarterback LaNorris Sellers was knocked out of the game with a concussion. Clemson, ranked No. 4 in the preseason, hasn't been 1-2 since 2014.

South Florida's weeklong stay in the Top 25 ended with its 49-12 loss at Miami.

POLL POINTS

1. Texas and Texas A&M are in the top 10 together for the first time since Sept. 20,

2020. Excluding the pandemic season, it's the first time since Oct. 2, 1978.

2. USC has been ranked at least once in 24 straight seasons, the sixth-longest streak in the nation.

3. No. 17 Texas Tech's ranking is its highest since it was No. 15 entering November 2013.

CONFERENCE CALL

SEC (11) — Nos. 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 20, 22, 23.

Big Ten (7) — Nos. 1, 2, 6, 9, 19, 21, 25.

ACC (3) — Nos. 4, 7, 18.

Big 12 (3) — Nos. 12, 16, 17.

Independent (1) — No. 24.

RANKED VS. RANKED

No. 17 Texas Tech at No. 16 Utah: The Red Raiders' 58 points per game lead the nation, but now the Behren Morton-led 600-yards-per-game offense gets its first real test on the road. Utah has limited each of its first three opponents to under 250 yards.

No. 22 Auburn at No. 11 Oklahoma: Tigers QB Jackson Arnold started 10 games for the Sooners over the previous two seasons. His replacement at OU, John Mateer, is one of the leading candidates for the Heisman Trophy.

No. 9 Illinois at No. 19 Indiana: A matchup of top-10 offenses and defenses.

No. 19 Indiana loses RB Beebe Jr. for season before facing No. 9 Illinois

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — No. 19 Indiana has lost running back Lee Beebe Jr. to a season-ending knee injury, coach Curt Cignetti told reporters Monday.

Beebe suffered a noncontact injury during Friday night's 73-0 rout of Indiana State. The transfer from UAB was leading the team in yards per carry at 7.7 through three games and was second in yards rushing with 209 on 27 carries. He also ran for one score and had one reception for 7 yards.

Losing Beebe likely means Roman Hemby, the transfer from Maryland, and Kaelon Black will carry a heavier workload starting this week when the Hoosiers (3-0) face their toughest test yet when they host No. 9 Illinois (3-0) in the Big Ten Conference opener for both teams.

Indiana is 11-0 at home in Cignetti's two seasons.



Darron Cummings/AP photo

Indiana running back Lee Beebe Jr. (29) runs during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Indiana State on Sept. 12 in Bloomington, Ind.



Timothy D. Easley/AP photo

Louisville linebacker Stanquan Clark, top left, tackles James Madison running back Ayo Adeyi (5) during the second half of an NCAA college football game on Sept. 5 in Louisville, Ky.

Louisville LB Clark likely out for the season following leg surgery

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville linebacker Stanquan Clark had surgery on his lower leg and might miss the rest of the season, coach Jeff Brohm said Monday.

"More than likely out for the year," Brohm said. "Could he come back, late in the process? Possibly."

The 6-foot-3, 240-pound junior is one of five returning

starters on defense. Clark started 13 games at middle linebacker last season and the first two this season.

Clark had six tackles in the Cardinals' 28-14 win over James Madison on Sept. 5. He hurt his right leg in the fourth quarter and was replaced by Kalib Perry.

Louisville (2-0) is coming off an open date. The Cardinals host Bowling Green on Saturday.



NOTICE TO BIDDERS Madison Paul Bruhn Program

The City of Madison will be accepting sealed bids for their Paul Bruhn Grant program. Bids shall be for up to six (6) projects. **Bids must be submitted to the City of Madison Office of Planning, Preservation, & Design, on or before, October 20, 2025 at 11:00 AM in a sealed envelope with "Madison Paul Bruhn Program" on the outside of the envelope.** Bids received after this date and time will **NOT** be accepted. BIDS CANNOT BE EMAILED OR FAXED. Each Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope, properly marked with the name, place of business, and phone number of the bidder and shall bear the following caption:

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A public bid opening will be held at the offices of the City of Madison, 101 West Main Street, Madison, Indiana immediately following the deadline for receipt of bids. Bids shall include the city of Madison's work write up forms for each location. Those forms are available through the Office of Planning, Preservation, & Design or electronically by emailing nschell@madison-in.gov.

If you have any questions or concerns with the work write-ups or in regards to bidding process, please give me a call at (812)265-8324. Thank you,
Nicole M Schell, AICP
Director of Planning
City of Madison, Indiana

Indiana has scored 156 points against three weak opponents. The Illini have played a light, but better, schedule and have allowed just 22 points over three games.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

On or about October 24, 2025, Jefferson County, in cooperation with the Telegraph Hill Rykers Ridge Sewer District, intends to apply for a grant proposal from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Wastewater Drinking Water Program with final applications being due December 19, 2025. This program is funded by Title I of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: grinder pump rehabilitation – replace grinder pump, floats, and control panels; low pressure collection system rehabilitation – install air relief valves, plugs, and flush connections on existing low pressure force main; mainline lift station rehabilitation – improvements to lift station no. 1 and no. 4; mainline lift station no. 2 replacement – construction of new lift station no. 2. The total amount of CDBG funds requested is \$750,000.00. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is estimated to be \$395,100.00. The Applicant also proposes to expend an estimated \$2,020,000.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the following sources: Jefferson County and State Revolving Loan Fund. Jefferson County will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., at the Commissioner's meeting at the Troy Morgan Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, IN 47250 to provide interested parties with an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Patty Jackson or Reneisha Rudder – 405 W. US 50; PO Box 765, Versailles, IN 47042, (812) 689-5505 no later than Wednesday, October 1, 2025. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons. Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of Monday, September 22, 2025, at the office for the Telegraph Hill Rykers Ridge Sewer District (Brenda's Tax Service) located at 119 E. 3rd Street, Madison, IN 47250, (812)265-3917, between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Patty Jackson or Reneisha Rudder, Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, 405 W. US 50; PO Box 765, Versailles, IN 47042 no later than Wednesday, October 1, 2025, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by Jefferson County and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Patty Jackson or Reneisha Rudder – Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or write to them Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, 405 W. US 50; PO Box 765, Versailles, IN 47042, (812) 689-5505.

LOCAL LEAGUES

HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT
Wednesday, Sept. 10
Instructional
The Royals 20, Reds 12 — The Royals: Colton Osbourne scored 5 runs. Reds: Silas Melton scored 3 runs.
Blue Bananas 16, The Royals 11 — Blue Bananas: Tyler Mcqueary, Rory Leach and Bennett Mix scored 3 runs. The Royals: Brantley Taylor scored 3 runs.
Boys Coach Pitch
Cyclones 12, Green Machine 11 — Cyclones: Grayson Ulery scored 3 runs. Green Machine: Nolan Sutter and Quincy Harve scored 3 runs.
Green Machine 22, Pirates 10 — Green Machine: Anakin Hogston scored 5 runs. Pirates:

Grayson Cope, Lake Floyd and Sullivan Bower scored 2 runs.
Boys Machine Pitch
Dodgers 20, Cubs 14 — Dodgers: Bryce Head and Graham Moyser scored 3 runs. Cubs: Leeland Hon scored 3 runs.
Reds 12, Dodgers 11 — Reds: Brycen Davidson and Casen Barnes scored 3 runs. Dodgers: Noah Castro scored 3 runs.
Boys Kid Pitch
Land Sharks 9, Pirates 0 — Land Sharks: Weston Wehner scored 3 runs.
Pirates 6, Land Sharks 4 — Pirates: Reed Adams scored 2 runs.
THURSDAY, SEPT.11
Instructional

Blue Bananas 20, Reds 4 — Blue Bananas: Tyler Mcqueary, Taylor Holskey, Rory Leach, Bennett Mix, Dakota Donnell and Lana Caldwell scored 3 runs. Reds: Finn Burrress, Layla Webber, Knox Wynn and Joseph Brawner scored 1 run.
Girls Coach Pitch
Ice Queens 13, Party Animals 11 — Ice Queens: Brooklyn Brewer and Taylor Hicks scored 3 runs. Party Animals: Hattie Sutter, Poppy Suiter and Madi Geyman scored 2 runs.

Party Animals 15, Blood Red Tigers 6 — Party Animals: Madi Geyman scored 4 runs. Blood Red Tigers: Grace Mouser, Nora Brennan, Ellie Barnes, Dalys Wampler, Layne Robertson and Emily Kline scored 1 run.
Girls Machine Pitch
Lady Devils 11, She-Hulks 10 — Lady Devils: Kali Murray

and Chloe Zapp scored 3 runs. She-Hulks: Sophia Best and Madilyn Johnson scored 2 runs.
Purple Thunder 12, Lady Devils 6 — Purple Thunder: Mackynzie Lawson scored 3
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Lancaster Township of Jefferson County, Indiana, that the Board of the Township Trustee will meet on 9-25-25 at 4850 W 1033 N, Dupont, IN, at 7:00PM to consider the adoption of the Township's Capital Improvement Plan.

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have the right to comment. The Capital Improvement Plan, as adopted, will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).

Doug Harrell
Trustee



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of York Township, Switzerland County Indiana, that the York Township Advisory Board will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan. The meeting will take place on Friday, September 26, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Township Trustees' Office located at the Florence Fire Station, 15337 Hill Road, Florence IN 47020. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have the right to comment. The Capital Improvement Plan, as adopted, will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance. Erin Deck, Township Trustee York Township, Switzerland County, Indiana



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jefferson Township, Switzerland County Indiana, that the Jefferson Township Advisory Board will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of a Capital Improvement Plan. The meeting will take place on Friday, September 26, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Township Trustees' Office located at 4 Ogle Lane, Vevay, Indiana. Taxpayers appearing at the meeting will have the right to comment. The Capital Improvement Plan, as adopted, will be submitted to the Department of Local Government Finance. Wade Hughes, Township Trustee Jefferson Township, Switzerland County, Indiana

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Mitchell, Boston help Fever stay alive in playoffs with 77-60 Game 2 rout over Dream

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS—Kelsey Mitchell scored 19 points and made four 3-pointers while Aliyah Boston added 15 points to lead the Indiana Fever past third-seeded Atlanta Dream 77-60 on Tuesday night to extend their best-of-three series.

Game 3 will be Thursday in Atlanta, which hasn't won a playoff series since 2016. Indiana's last series win came in 2015.

Natasha Howard added 12 points and five rebounds. Mitchell also had four assists and Boston finished with five rebounds and three assists.

Te-Hina Paopao scored 11 points off the bench to lead the Dream, and Rhyné Howard added 10. The Dream fell 25 points short of their regular-season per game average. Allisha Gray added nine points and seven rebounds despite playing through foul trouble and clashing briefly with two fans in the front row midway through the fourth quarter. Both fans were escorted out of the arena by security.

The Fever hosted their first playoff game since 2016 and fed off the energy of another



Michael Conroy/AP Photo

Atlanta Dream forward Brionna Jones (24) cuts between Indiana Fever guard Shey Peddy (5) and forward Brianna Turner (11) in the first half of a WNBA basketball playoff game on Sept. 16 in Indianapolis.

sellout crowd to earn their first postseason win since Oct. 11, 2015, when they beat the Minnesota Lynx 75-69.

It was a stark turnaround from Game 1.

As both teams battled serious foul trouble, Atlanta couldn't get the stops it needed — and the Fever took full advantage with its first wire-to-wire playoff win since 2002.

Injury-riddled Indiana started fast, using a 10-2 spurt midway through the first half to take a 30-19 lead, only to see Atlanta cut the halftime

deficit to 35-29 courtesy of Gray's 3-pointer to close the second quarter — the Dream's first 3 of the game.

Atlanta continued to rally early in the second half, closing to 40-37 midway through the third quarter.

But behind the tandem of Mitchell and Boston, Indiana answered with seven straight points, closed the quarter on another 7-0 run and opened the fourth quarter on an 8-0 spurt to make it 67-44. The blowout allowed Mitchell and Boston to get some extra rest down the stretch.

Brittany Force retires after record season to start family

BY JENNA FRYER
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

Not long after Brittany Force went 343.51 mph in the fastest run in NHRA history, the two-time Top Fuel world champion announced Friday she is retiring at the end of the season to focus on starting a family.

Force, the second of four

drag racing daughters of 16-time champion John Force, married Bobby Lyons at the end of last season and told The Associated Press she's ready to shift into a new role of motherhood. Brittany Force turned 39 in July.

“It's something that as a female in NHRA drag racing that has always been in the back of my mind,” she told the AP. “I watched my sisters

get into the scene and have their careers and then ultimately had to make the decision to step out so they can try to start a family. Ashley has two little boys, Courtney has two little girls and has a third on the way. Because of that, it's always been in the back of my mind because being a female in the sport, it is definitely more of a challenge.”

MADISON

FROM PAGE B2

No stats for Carroll County were available. Trimble, now 9-8 overall and 5-2 31st District, hosted Henry County Thursday and on Tuesday Eminence.

Carroll, now 3-11 overall and 0-6 31st District, hosted Gallatin County Thursday and Owen County Tuesday.

REBELS FALL TO MILAN

Southwestern suffered a four-set loss at home to Milan on Tuesday, falling 25-22, 25-22, 22-25, 25-20.

Rorie Scroggins had 13 kills and three aces for Southwestern. Jenna Owens had

13 kills and 17 digs, Aspen Abbott had six kills and one block, Hadlie Buchanan had four kills and 24 digs, Jocelyn Johnson had one ace and 24 digs and Hillarie Buchanan had three aces, 16 digs and 31 assists.

Southwestern, now 7-9 overall, 1-2 Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Shawe on Thursday and hosts Madison in their annual Dig Pink game on Tuesday.

SHAWE FALLS IN 3 SETS

Shawe volleyball suffered a three-set loss at Lanesville on Monday.

The Hilltoppers 25-8, 25-12, 25-10. Shawe, now 0-6 on the season, hosted Clarksville on Wednesday and headed to Southwestern on Thursday. The Hilltoppers then host Oldenburg Academy Monday.

GIRLS

FROM PAGE B2

PACERS ROLL TO TWO WINS

Class A No. 6 Switzerland County hammered Milan 12-0 on Monday and Rising Sun 9-0 on Tuesday to remain unbeaten in Ohio River Valley Conference play.

Emma Parsons scored four goals for the Pacers in the win against Milan, Emma South

and Madison Hannan each had two, and Lauren Smith, Adalyn Archer, Taylor Kappes and Mya Cutter scored one each. Kappes had three assists, Smith and Archer had two assists, and Addi Deck had one.

Parsons and Smith had two goals each in the win against Rising Sun and Deck, Hannan, Kaylynn Schaefer, Kappes and Archer scored one each. South had two assists and Lainie McAlister and Kappes had one each.

Switzerland, now 9-1 overall,

3-0 ORVC, hosted Class A No. 1 Oldenburg Academy Thursday and South Ripley on Monday in Vevay.

CARROLL BEATS WESTERN HILLS

Carroll County picked up a 6-1 win at home over Western Hills Wednesday at home.

No details from the game were available.

Carroll, now 5-6 on the season, travels to Collins on Monday in Shelbyville.

BOYS

FROM PAGE B1

up a 3-0 win over Milan at home on Monday.

Grant Hall scored two goals for the Pacers and Jack McClellan had one goal. Isaiah Dayadharum had an assist and Nate Williams had six saves in goal.

Switzerland County, now 7-4-1 overall, 3-1-1 ORVC, hosts South Ripley on Saturday and travels to Rising Sun on Wednesday.

CARROLL WHIPS GALLATIN

Carroll County picked up a 6-0 win over Gallatin County at home on Monday.

Gamaliel Maldonado had four goals for the Panthers, Juan Munguia and Zachary Richards each scored one goal each. Dani Martinez and Gerson Medina each had two assists and J.T. Davis had an assist.

Goalkeeper Quinn Willhoite had three saves in goal and Chris Perez had two assists.

Carroll, now 8-2 overall, 5-0 31st District, hosts Shelby County on Tuesday.

LEAGUES

FROM PAGE B5

runs. Lady Devils: Chloe Zapp and Jordyn Jester scored 2 runs.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12 Girls Coach Pitch

Ice Queens 15, Blood Red Tigers 10 — Ice Queens:

Brooklyn Brewer scored 4 runs. Blood Red Tigers: Dalys Wampler scored 3 runs.

Boys Coach Pitch

Green Machine 15, Cyclones 9 — Green Machine: Anakin Hogston and Macklin Jones scored 3 runs. Cyclones: Baylor Russell and Grayson Ulery scored 2 runs.

Pirates 13, Cyclones 3 — Pirates: Nolan Seaver scored

4 runs.

Girls Machine

Lady Devils 14, She-Hulks 13 — Lady Devils: Kali Murray scored 5 runs. She-Hulks: Sophia Bear scored 3 runs.

Girls Kid Pitch

Trimble County Raiders 22, Hanover Lady Storm 9 — Lady Storm: Peyton Shepherd and Addie Adams scored 2 runs.

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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HOROSCOPE

SEPT. 19

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stars are sliding today and through the weekend so new initiatives and first meetings are not recommended until Monday or after. Paying it forward is a great way to build a better world, put your heart into helping someone deserving.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Plans to play over the weekend will work out better if they are not sketchy or high risk – playing it safe is recommended for the next few days. Don't meet anyone new until Monday or after if you are single and dating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Hanging out close to home is a great idea through the weekend, stars just aren't bringing great odds now for adventures, networking, or getting things done. Don't throw down any challenges when the Universal sky isn't supportive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If something knocks you out of sorts, you should be able to return to your calm baseline. Avoid discord, especially around money now, little is likely to get fixed in any lasting way. A creative project could bring frustration for a few days.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Artistic or musical pursuits can bring healing and peace. If a conversation starts to heat up, put a pin in it until next week when there's a better chance of working things out. Heading out early might or might not be a possibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Let your home space speak to you in whispers and bring you into peace. Shut down the noise early if you can today and don't take anything personally. Resistance to your thoughts or plans could gradually dissolve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) An honest answer could bring healing to a situation or at least improve understanding, but don't push if things are going south. Financial decisions should wait until next week, your understanding could be way off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Fun with friends could be on the agenda this weekend – keep things simple and keep them safe, poor stars can make a muddle of complicated plans and safety could be compromised. Sidestep confrontations through at least Monday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A nice glow-up out in the world could surprise you despite overall poor Universal stars; those closest might not be as enthusiastic right now. Avoid overthinking a relationship issue, clarity will come.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Plan your next escape if you can't break out today – or even if you can. A job well done and carefully completed could set the stage for taking personal time. A friend or friend group could feel off for a while.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Energy creates and underlies form. New energies around money are working toward creating the financial forms you seek, don't stay attached to scarcity. Learn to fall back on yourself, become your own lifelong bestie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Good partnerships ebb and flow and balance out over time. Let a partner fill your cup if it feels empty today. Next time, it's your turn. Vibe with a creative outlet, stars are poor for business initiatives through Monday.

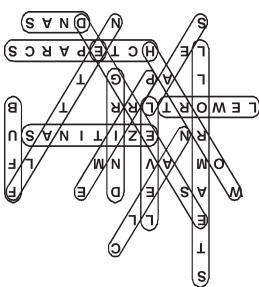
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Jumble solution

When ancient Italians built human-powered warships, they created a — ROW-M-ENT-EMPIRE

Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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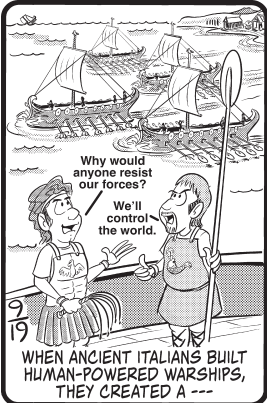
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

PREPARE THE SURFACE

○ N J G D Z W T Q N K H D A X
U R P S M J G D A X V S Q N K
I F D T A X V T C Q O M J H F
C A Y E W U L L R P N L J H F
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U S H S I L O P N R D N A S Q

Thursday's unlisted clue: NASCAR
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: MAKE SHINY
Buff Flatten Prime Seal
Clean Grind Sand Steamroll
Degrease Harrow Sanitize Trowel
Etch Level Scrape

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 American conductor
6 NBC weekend show
9 Blond shade
12 Ties up, as a boat
13 Stable diet?
14 Director Spike
15 Zesty dip
16 Monet's studio
18 "Let's hear it!"
20 Theater award
21 — chi
23 — Paulo
24 Ninnies
25 Lean-to
27 Blue cartoon character
29 Bucca-
31 Bum wrap?
35 Stacked
37 Shade provider
38 Reacts in horror
41 Poseidon's realm

DOWN
43 Sprite
44 Museo display
45 Piercing yell
47 Bubbly water brand
49 Attempted
52 Greek vowel
53 "Alice" waitress
54 Blue Ivy, to
55 Aug. follower
56 Cutting tool
57 Composer
58 Copland

DOWN
1 Mornings, briefly
2 Mauna —
3 Army member
4 Guesser's words
5 Jr.-year exams
6 Golda's greeting
7 Country-wide, briefly
8 Caustic solution
9 Suspect's excuse
10 "Try to — my way ..."
11 "— the deal ..."
17 Yogurt variety
19 Painter's stand

Solution time: 25 mins.

Today's solution

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HOROSCOPE

SEPT. 20

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stars continue to sink through Monday so kick back without guilt, not much can be successfully built now anyway. Poor stars are great times to recharge; your home world could offer real respite today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Paint, sing, dance, laugh, play – the stars are aligning for you to escape your cares at least a little bit today. Inspo may come from outside your usual circle, use it to create new mindsets, new hacks, new worldviews.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Duties and tasks could be frustrating and Universal stars aren't helping. Anything you 'just have to say' shouldn't be said without toning it down – a boundary is one thing, being over-the-top feral is something else.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take a deep breath, return to center. You can be a calm island inside the storm and even offer sanctuary to someone else in gratitude. Wait to deal with money issues until next week, stars aren't facilitating progress now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Everything you build inside you supports you as you go forward – investing in self-care and self-work is the foundation for everything else. Keep the faith about finances, don't make any changes now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Expect some envy, you bring quite a package. Shine your light always but with humility always too, don't judge those still operating on lower frequencies. Table any sensitive topics for a few more days.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Bring a thoughtful analysis then roll up your sleeves and get to it, just don't take on too much. Stars don't support taking risks today or tomorrow. A friend or their drama could seem overwhelming now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your aura is a little muddled by some passing asteroids for a while, you could be easily misunderstood. This is no free pass for bad behavior, you're still responsible for your choices. A friend could ease your soul.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could be the hero of the day – you can bring calm and useful skills to help make limoncello out of those lemons. You may need your patience to deal with issues at home and to unpack some old inner business too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) At base, what you've built serves you and lets you offer your own solidity toward supporting others. Even if you stumble over words today they might be received with understanding and grace. Hold off on important actions or meetups.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) So much good is staging behind the scenes for you. Even if things seem all wrong, try to begin a tiny gratitude practice to help you shift into your upcoming more abundant vibe. Offer support and receive instant benefits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Even under fairly dark Universal skies this weekend, someone close could bring you joy and peace. Consider some tweaks to your home or habits, but don't implement anything until after a rethink under improved stars starting Monday.

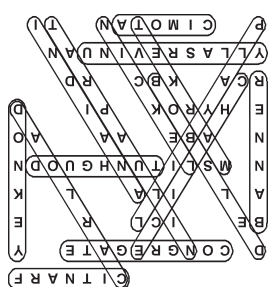
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Jumble solution

When the carpet store had a huge sale, customers were — WALL-TO-WALL

Sleuth solution



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LWODR

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

GIVEN NAMES IN WORDS

T K I F C A X V S Q O L J H E
C A T E K C I R C I T N A R F
D X C O N G R E G A T E V T Y
B E R P N I C L L J R H F D E
A B L Y X I L A V T R L P O K
N M M S L I T U N H G U O D N
N K I A B E G E A A D B Z A O
E X H Y R O K W U P I T R Q D
R C A O N K B C L J R D I G F
Y L L A S R E V I N U A N D C
P A Y C I M O T A N X W T I V

Friday's unlisted clue: POLISH
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue hint: A SPORT WITH WICKETS
Atomic Chalice Frantic Playbill
Banner Congregate Indiana Tarpaulin
Bobsled Donkey Market Universally
Carload Doughnut Nickel

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Nullifies
6 Mirror fogger
11 Pesto ingredient
12 "Did my best"
14 Lake Ontario port
15 Be defeated by
16 Employ
17 Vegas area
19 French article
20 Emmy-winning Tyne
22 Moment
23 Tart fruit
24 Van Gogh venue
26 Grape variety
28 Twitch
30 Neither partner
31 Set of words
35 Shopping centers
39 Does in, mob-style
40 Snooze

DOWN
42 Crumbly earth
43 Movie archiving org.
44 Sports bar
46 Dynamic —
47 Texas border city
49 Rafting challenge
51 Firm
52 Shed, with "off"
53 Annual athletic awards
54 "Beloved" actress
Kimberly

Solution time: 26 mins.

Today's solution

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14TH BANDS & BBQ AT THE POINT



County Wide band members (from left) Evan Crawford, Aron Bunch and Anthony Campbell perform during the 14th Bands & BBQ on Saturday at Point Park in Carrollton. The Corbin, Kentucky-based group was just one of several local and regional performers who entertained at the two-day festival.

The Carrollton/Carroll County Tourism & Convention Commission held its 14th Bands & BBQ competition on Friday and Saturday at Point Park in Carrollton with music, food and fun.

Local and regional performers provided a musical backdrop for the cook-off and spectators and the barbecue competition filled the air with the sweet aroma of wood smoke and slow cooking chicken, pork, ribs and brisket.

The Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned cook-off featured both amateur and professional divisions with winners and trophies paid out in both.

The Grand Champion of the professional division was the Brewscue & Catering’s competition BBQ team out of Dodge City, Kansas. Pitmaster Michael Brewster, a full-time competition team, travels the U.S. and Canada competing in barbecue competitions.

The Grand Champion of the

amateur Backyard BBQ competition was the Fire Pig Competition Barbeque Team, of Lynnnville, Indiana. Pitmaster Mike Payton and his wife, Karen, nearly swept the competition while winning the overall title in a runaway.

Fire Pig scored first place in chicken, ribs and pork and a second place in brisket by just 0.344 of a point en route to being named Grand Champion.

The brisket category was won by Pullin Out the Butts BBQ, of Madison Indiana, with a 172.000 score to Fire Pig’s 171.9656. Pullin Out the Butts was also the Reserve Grand Champion 699.9772 to 679.3488.

The Reserve Grand Champion of the pro division was Blue Chip BBQ, of Louisville, which trailed Brewscue 697.0628-696.5260. Like the reserve champ in the Backyard event, Blue Chip was the brisket winner in the pro division.

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Pro Division

Chicken — 1. Blue Smoke Q, 176.5600; 2. Hot Cole’s BBQ, 176.0000; 3. Uncle Toads, 175.4172.

Pork Ribs — 1. Butts N Racks, 179.4400; 2. Blue Smoke Q, 176.5600; 3. Flat Bottom BBQ, 176.0228.

Pork — 1. Hold Your Horses BBQ, 180.0000; 2. WeQ4U, 180.0000; 3. Hot Cole’s BBQ, 175.5716.

Brisket — 1. Blue Chip BBQ, 178.8572; 2. McQ Smokers, 178.8572; 3. BrewsCue, 177.7028

Grand Champion — 1. BrewsCue, 697.0628; 2. Blue Chip BBQ, 696.5260; 3. Hold Your Horses BBQ, 695.3368

• Grand champion Brewscue scored a 174.2628 on chicken, a 174.2744 on pork ribs, a 170.8228 on pork and a 177.7028 on brisket for a total of 697.0628. Reserve Grand Champion Blue Chip BBQ scored a 170.8344 on chicken, a 170.8344 on pork ribs, a 176.000 on pork and a 178.8572 on brisket for a total of 696.5260.

BACKYARD DIVISION Amateurs

Chicken — 1. Fire Pig, 177.7144; 2. Dog Patch Q 174.2628; 3. Pullin Out the Butts BBQ, 173.1216.

Ribs — 1. Fire Pig, 176.5600; 2. SmoQued, 176.5600; 3. The Priceless Pitmasters, 171.9772.

Pork — 1. Fire Pig, 173.7372; 2. Dog Patch Q, 173.1200; 3. Kentucky Kyle BBQ, 170.2744.

Brisket — 1. Pullin Out the Butts BBQ, 172.000; 2. Fire Pig, 171.9656; 3. The Priceless Pitmasters, 171.9656.

Grand Champion — 1. Fire Pig, 699.9772; 2. Pullin Out the Butts BBQ, 679.3488; 3. The



Brewscue & Catering’s competition BBQ team out of Dodge City, Kansas, was Grand Champion of the Kansas City Barbeque Society-sanctioned 14th Bands & BBQ competition Saturday at Point Park in Carrollton. Pitmaster Michael Brester (left) is pictured with his wife, Nun Brewster, and son, Finn Brewster. Brewscue is a full-time competition team traveling the U.S. and Canada to compete in cook-offs.



Fire Pig Competition Barbeque Team, of Lynnnville, Indiana, was winner of the Backyard Division of Saturday’s 14th Bands & BBQ contest in Carrollton. The husband-and-wife team of Mike Payton (pictured) and Karen Payton took first place for chicken, ribs and pork and second place for brisket en route to being named Grand Champion.

Priceless Pitmasters, 678.1484. 176.5600.

Sauce — 1. Pitmaster’s Privilege, 180.000; 2. The Priceless Pitmasters. 177.1428; 3. Secondhand Smoke,

Anything But — Pullin Out the Butts BBQ, 180.000; 2. Kue 2, 180.000; 3. Pitmaster’s Privilege, 169.4400.

From Nest Egg to Income Engine: Unlocking the True Power of Annuities



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad Retirement Planning/Wealth Management

For many people, retirement planning focuses on building a solid nest egg-accumulating enough assets over time to support life after work. But what happens when the accumulation phase ends and it’s time to start living off those savings? That’s where the real challenge begins. Transitioning from a lifetime of saving to a lifetime of spending requires a completely different strategy. “From Nest Egg to Income Engine” is not just a shift in mindset-it’s a call to action. And annuities can be the key to unlocking that transformation.

Annuities are uniquely designed to convert a portion of your retirement savings into a reliable income stream, one that can be guaranteed to last for

as long as you live. This feature alone addresses one of the most pressing concerns retirees face: outliving their money. While IRAs, 401(k)s, and investment portfolios offer growth potential, they also carry market risk and require active management to avoid running out too soon. Annuities simplify this by offering predictability and stability, turning your savings into a personal pension.

The true power of annuities lies in their ability to protect principal, grow tax-deferred, and generate lifetime income regardless of market performance. Fixed indexed annuities, for instance, link your growth to a market index, allowing you to benefit from gains without being exposed to losses. When you’re ready to draw income, adding a guaranteed lifetime income rider ensures a dependable stream that keeps coming month after month-even if your original investment is fully withdrawn.

What sets annuities apart is that they remove the guesswork from retirement income planning. Instead of wondering how much you can safely withdraw each year, or how long your money will last, annuities provide clarity. You can count on a specific amount arriving regularly, freeing you from worrying about market downturns or bad timing.

This doesn’t mean annuities replace all your investments. Rather, they complement your portfolio, taking care of essential expenses while freeing up other assets for discretionary spending, emergencies, or legacy planning. Your nest egg didn’t grow overnight-and it shouldn’t be left to chance in retirement. When used strategically, annuities convert retirement savings into an income engine-steady, safe, and built to last. That’s not just financial planning. That’s peace of mind, and it’s a powerful way to truly enjoy the retirement you’ve worked so hard to create.

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